SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2026 No. 228

ROAD TRAFFIC

The A702/A720 Trunk Road (Lothianburn) (Temporary Prohibition on Use of Road) Order 2026

Made - - - -	*23rd July 2026*
Coming into force - -	*1st August 2026*

The Scottish Ministers make the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 2(1) and (2), 4(1) and 14(1)(b) and (4) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(**a**) and all other powers enabling them to do so.

In accordance with section 14(1)(b) of that Act, they are satisfied that traffic on the length of road specified in the schedule should be restricted or prohibited because of the likelihood of danger to the public, or of serious damage to the road, which is not attributable to works.

In accordance with section 14(3) of that Act, they have had regard to the existence of alternative routes suitable for the traffic which will be affected by this Order.

Citation, commencement and cessation

1. This Order may be cited as the A702/A720 Trunk Road (Lothianburn) (Temporary Prohibition on Use of Road) Order 2026, comes into force on 1 August 2026 and ceases to have effect on 31 January 2028.

Prohibition on use of road

2. No person may use, or permit the use of, any vehicle on the length of road, or a part or parts of the length of road, specified in the schedule when a prohibition is identified as applying to that length of road, or a part or parts of that length of road, by means of a traffic sign of the type described in item 8 (diagram 7105 – position of barrier to mark length of road closed or to guide traffic past an obstruction) of the sign table in Part 6 of schedule 13 of the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016(**b**).

(**a**) 1984 c. 27; section 2(1) and (2) were amended by the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 (c. 22) ("the 1991 Act"), schedule 8, paragraph 18, and section 14 was substituted by the Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Act 1991 (c. 26), schedule 1. The Scottish Ministers are the traffic authority by virtue of section 121A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (inserted by the 1991 Act, schedule 8, paragraph 70 and amended by S.I. 2001/1400) as read with section 151(1) of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 (c. 54) (relevantly amended by S.I. 2001/1400). The functions of the Secretary of State were transferred to the Scottish Ministers by section 53 of the Scotland Act 1998 (c. 46).

(**b**) S.I. 2016/362.

Exemptions

3. No prohibition imposed by this Order applies to a vehicle being used in an emergency for fire brigade, ambulance, police or coastguard purposes.

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23rd July 2026

SCHEDULE

Article 2

SPECIFIED LENGTH OF ROAD

That length of the A702 Edinburgh – Abingdon Trunk Road forming the circulatory carriageway of the northern roundabout of the Lothianburn junction roundabout from the extended western kerb line of the central splitter island between the northbound entry to the A702/A720 northern roundabout and the southbound exit from the A702/ A720 northern roundabout, eastwards for a distance of 5 metres or thereby