#### STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

# 2013 No. 2249

# The A282 Trunk Road (Dartford-Thurrock Crossing Charging Scheme) Order 2013

# PART 2

# DESIGNATION OF THE CROSSING AND CHARGES

#### **Designation of the crossing**

**3.** The crossing is the road designated by this charging scheme in respect of which charges are imposed by the first or second charging regime as the case may be.

# **Charging regimes**

- **4.**—(1) From 1st October 2013 until free-flow charging commences motor vehicles used or kept on the crossing are subject to the first charging regime.
- (2) From the commencement of free-flow charging motor vehicles used or kept on the crossing are subject to the second charging regime.
- (3) Reference to the class of a motor vehicle in column 2 of Schedule 2 is to the class determined by reference to regulation 2 of, and the Schedule to, the Road User Charging and Workplace Parking Levy (Classes of Motor Vehicles) (England) Regulations 2001(1).
- (4) For the purposes of this Order the classes of motor vehicles in column 2 of Schedule 2 include such vehicles when drawing a trailer.
- (5) There is no charge under the first charging regime or the second charging regime for any motor vehicle used or kept on the crossing after 2200 hours up to, but not including, 0600 hours the following morning.
- (6) Those motor vehicles described in Schedule 3 of this Order are exempt from a charge under the first charging regime or the second charging regime.

# Imposition and payment of charges

- **5.**—(1) The use or keeping of a motor vehicle on the crossing causes a charge to be imposed under the first charging regime or the second charging regime as the case may be.
- (2) The charge imposed by the first charging regime is determined with reference to column 3 of Schedule 2.
- (3) The charge imposed by the second charging regime is determined with reference to column 4 of Schedule 2.
- (4) The charge imposed by the first charging regime or the second charging regime (as the case may be) must be paid by such methods or means as may be specified by or on behalf of the Secretary of State on the website or in a document available on application from the postal address.

- (5) To enable the collection of charges by a particular method or means of payment the Secretary of State (or a person on the Secretary of State's behalf) may specify on the website or in a document available on application from the postal address—
  - (a) documents required to be displayed by; or
- (b) equipment required to be carried on board, any motor vehicle in respect of which the charge is to be paid using that method or means of payment.

# Advance payments

- **6.**—(1) Subject to paragraph (3), the Secretary of State may enter into an agreement with persons (an "advance payment agreement") under which, on such terms as may be provided by the agreement, charges for a motor vehicle to be used or kept on the crossing may be paid in advance.
- (2) An advance payment agreement may relate to such use or keeping on such number of occasions, or during such period, as may be provided by it, and may provide for a reduction in the charges set out in the applicable charging regime.
- (3) An advance payment agreement offered by the Secretary of State must be offered on the same terms to all persons seeking to enter into such an agreement.

#### Advance payments for local residents

- 7.—(1) Subject to paragraph (3), the Secretary of State may enter into an agreement with a local resident (a "local resident's agreement") under which, on such terms as may be provided by the agreement, charges for a motor vehicle to be used or kept on the crossing may be paid in advance.
- (2) A local resident's agreement may relate to such use or keeping on such number of occasions, or during such period, as may be provided by it, and may provide for a reduction in the charges set out in the applicable charging regime.
- (3) A local resident's agreement offered by the Secretary of State must be offered on the same terms to all local residents seeking to enter into such an agreement.