

**2015 No. 1218**

**ROAD TRAFFIC**

**The A421 Trunk Road (Bedford Southern Bypass, Elstow,  
Bedfordshire) Eastbound (Lay-by) (Prohibition of Waiting)  
Order 2015**

*Made* - - - - *2nd March 2015*

*Coming into force* - - *16th March 2015*

The Secretary of State for Transport makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 1(1), 2(1) and (2) and 4(1) and (2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(a):

1. This Order may be cited as the A421 Trunk Road (Bedford Southern Bypass, Elstow, Bedfordshire) Eastbound (Lay-by) (Prohibition of Waiting) Order 2015 and shall come into force on 16th March 2015.

2. In this Order -

“the trunk road” means the A421 Trunk Road at Elstow in the Borough of Bedford; and

“lay-by” means any area of carriageway intended for the waiting of vehicles and bounded partly by a road marking on the outer edge of that carriageway complying with diagram 1010 in Schedule 6 to the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002(b); and in this definition “carriageway” means a way constituting or comprised in a trunk road (other than a cycle track) over which the public have a right of way for the passage of vehicles and which has a surface suitable for that right.

3. Subject as provided in article 5 of this Order no person shall, except at the direction or with the permission of a constable, or a traffic officer in uniform, cause or permit any vehicle with a maximum gross weight exceeding 5 tonnes to wait, between the hours of 9pm and 7am daily, in the north kerb of the lay-by adjacent to the eastbound carriageway of the trunk road situated 1300 metres east of the A421/A6 Elstow Interchange.

4. Subject as provided in article 5 of this Order no person shall, except at the direction or with the permission of a constable, or a traffic officer in uniform, cause or permit any vehicle to wait at any time in the south kerb of the lay-by adjacent to the eastbound carriageway of the trunk road situated 1300 metres east of the A421/A6 Elstow Interchange.

5. Nothing in articles 3 and 4 above shall apply -

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(a) 1984 c.27; sections 1(1) and 2(1) and (2) were amended by the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 (c.22), section 168 and Schedule 8, paragraphs 17(2) and 18(2) and (3).  
(b) Part I of S. I. 2002/3113; as amended by S. I. 2005/1670. There are other amending instruments but none are relevant.

- (a) so as to prevent a vehicle waiting on any part of the lay-by for so long as may be necessary to enable that vehicle to be used in connection with –
  - (i) the removal of any obstruction to traffic,
  - (ii) any building operation or demolition,
  - (iii) the maintenance, improvement or reconstruction of the trunk road,
  - (iv) the laying, erection, inspection, maintenance, alteration, repair, renewal or removal in or near the trunk road of any sewer, or of any main, pipe, conduit, wire, cable or other apparatus for the supply of gas, water, electricity, or of any telecommunications apparatus as defined in Schedule 2 to the Telecommunications Act 1984(a),
  - (v) the boarding or alighting of a person from the vehicle, or
  - (vi) goods to be loaded or unloaded from that vehicle;
- (b) in relation to a vehicle being used—
  - (i) for fire and rescue authority, ambulance, police or traffic officer purposes,
  - (ii) in the service of a local authority in pursuance of statutory powers or duties,
  - (iii) in the service of a water or sewerage undertaker within the meaning of the Water Industry Act 1991(b), or
  - (iv) in the service of or employed by a universal service provider (as defined in Section 4(3) and (4) of the Postal Services Act 2000), to be used for the purposes of delivering and/or collecting postal packets (as defined in Section 125(1) of the Post Services Act 2000); or
- (c) in relation to a vehicle waiting when the person in control of it is –
  - (i) required by law to stop,
  - (ii) obliged to stop in order to avoid an accident, or
  - (iii) prevented from proceeding by circumstances outside his or her control;

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

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2nd March 2015

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### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

The lay-by waiting restrictions will prevent parking of heavy goods vehicles in the lay-by overnight.

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(a) 1984 c.12.  
(b) 1991 c.56.