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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

THE A303 TRUNK ROAD STONEHENGE IMPROVEMENT (STONEHENGE BYWAY) (PROHIBITION OF MOTOR **VEHICLES) ORDER 200**

THE A303 TRUNK ROAD STONEHENGE IMPROVEMENT(COUNTESS ROUNDABOUT TO LONGBARROW CROSSROADS) (PROHIBITION OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIANS) ORDER 200

The Secretary of State for Transport refers to his proposals to make the above Orders, which were published in the Salisbury Journal and the Wiltshire Times on 21/22 August 2003 and in Issue 57035 of The London Gazette on 21 August 2003, and he hereby gives notice that he proposes to hold concurrent public inquiries into objections he has received in connection with these Orders. The inquiries will be held at the Guildhall, Salisbury, Wiltshire, starting at 10.00 am on Tuesday 17 February 2004. (The inquiries will also be held concurrently with those into the draft A303 Trunk Road (Stonehenge Improvement) Order 200, Slip Roads Order 200, Detrunking Order 200, Side Roads Order 200 and Compulsory Purchase Order 200).

The effect of the Orders would be as follows:

(A) The A303 Trunk Road Stonehenge Improvement (Stonehenge Byway) (Prohibition of Motor Vehicles) Order 200

The effect of this Order would be to prohibit all persons from driving or riding any motor vehicle on the Stonehenge Byway, which the Secretary of State proposes to construct on the course of the existing A303 from Stonehenge Road to Longbarrow Crossroads.

There would be exemptions specified in the Order which, in summary, would be for:

- (a) emergency services vehicles;
- (b) agricultural vehicles requiring access to land in the vicinity of the byway:
- (c) vehicles requiring access to Stonehenge Cottages from Stonehenge Road;
- (d) vehicles authorised in writing by the Traffic Authority;
- (e) vehicles being used by a statutory undertaker or local authority;
- (f) invalid carriages; and

- (g) disabled transport vehicles, designed specifically to carry up to eight disabled or less able bodied persons and driven by a designated representative from English Heritage or the National Trust.
- (B) The A303 Trunk Road Stonehenge Improvement (Countess Roundabout to Longbarrow Crossroads) (Prohibition of Certain Classes of Traffic and Pedestrians) Order 200

The effect of the Order would be to prohibit:

- (a) bicycles:
- (b) animals ridden, led or drive by a person;
- (c) vehicles drawn by animals;
- (d) motor cycles where the cylinder capacity of the engine is less than 50 cubic centimetres;
- (e) invalid carriages; and
- (f) pedestrians:

from:

- 1. the new A303 trunk road which the Secretary of State proposes to construct between Countess Roundabout and Longbarrow Crossroads, through Stonehenge tunnel, from the junction of the westbound carriageway of the A303 with the westbound exit slip road at Countess Roundabout to the junction of the westbound carriageway with the westbound entry slip road approximately 1.3 kilometres west of the A360 Longbarrow Crossroads, and between the junction of the eastbound carriageway with the eastbound exit slip road at the A360 Longbarrow Crossroads and the junction of the eastbound carriageway with the eastbound entry slip road at Countess Roundabout; and
- 2. the westbound entry and eastbound exit slip roads at Countess Roundabout and the eastbound entry and westbound exit slip roads at Longbarrow Crossroads which the Secretary of State proposes to construct.

There would be exemptions for the police and emergency services and other persons in circumstances specified in the draft Order.

Copies of the draft Orders, plans illustrating the proposals and the alternative routes, and statements explaining why the Secretary of State proposes to make the Orders may be inspected, free of charge, at all reasonable hours at the offices of:

The Highways Agency, Major Projects Directorate, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6HA;

Wiltshire County Council, County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge, Wiltshire BA14 8JN;

Salisbury District Council, The Council House, Bourne Hill, Salisbury, Wiltshire SP1 3UZ;

Amesbury Town Council (Amesbury Tourist Information Centre), Redworth House, Flower Lane, Amesbury, Wiltshire SP4 7HG; Salisbury Library, Market Place, Salisbury, Wiltshire SP1 1BL; and

Amesbury Library, Smithfield Street, Amesbury, Wiltshire SP4 7AL.

Objectors are reminded that the substances of any objection or representation may be communicated to other people who may be affected by it; that it will be passed to the Inspector holding the inquiries; and that he may be required to disclose at the inquiries the objection or representation and, unless there are special reasons to the contrary, the identity of the author.

F Hauxwell, Traffic Operations, Highways Agency, Department for Transport. (Refs HA 41/29/140 & 141.)

Highways Agency THE M25 MOTORWAY JUNCTIONS 12–15 TEMPORARY TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS

Notice is hereby given that the Secretary of State for Transport intends to make an Order on the M25 Motorway, in the county of Surrey, the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead, the London Borough of Hillingdon, the borough of Slough and the county of Buckinghamshire, under sections 14(1)(a) and (7) and 15(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, because works are proposed to be executed on the road.

The effect of the Order would be to authorise the following restrictions on the M25 between marker post 80.6 (south of Junction 12-M3) and marker post 97.0 (north of Junction 15—M4):

- (a) lane closures and the phased partial closure of lengths of both carriageways on this part of the M25; contraflow systems would be in operation on the carriageway that remains wholly open, hard shoulder running would be authorised where this is in use as one lane of the motorway and vehicle width restrictions (over 6 feet 6 inches) would be in force in certain lanes;
- (b) to impose a temporary mandatory 40 mph speed restriction on this length of the M25; this speed restriction would also apply to the link/slip roads leading to and from this section of the M25 and the variable speed