

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 16A
THE A550 TRUNK ROAD (WOODBANK JUNCTION WITH A494 TO JUNCTION WITH A41 CHESTER ROAD)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport intends to make an Order on the A550 Trunk Road in Cheshire West and Chester to enable road surface retexturing works to be carried out in safety.

The works will be carried out in three phases.

(a) The Order will ban all traffic from the following:

For Phase 1 of the Works:

- i. The northbound carriageway of the A550 from the first point where the northbound link diverges from the A494 eastbound at Woodbank Junction to the point where the centreline of the trunk road meets its signalised junction with A540 Parkgate Road at Two Mills Junction;
- ii. The southbound carriageway of the A550 from the centreline of the Two Mills Junction with A540 Parkgate Road to the centreline of the Woodbank Junction with Woodbank Lane;

For Phase 2 of the Works:

- iii. The northbound carriageway of the A550 from the point where the centreline of the trunk road meets its signalised junction with A540 Parkgate Road at Two Mills Junction to a point 2100m south of where the centreline of the trunk road meets its signalised junction with A41 Chester Road and

For Phase 3 of the Works:

- iv. The southbound carriageway of the A550 from the point where the centreline of the trunk road meets its signalised junction with A41 Chester Road to a point 1300m north of where the centreline of the trunk road meets its signalised junction with A540 Parkgate Road at Two Mills Junction.

(b) The Order will prevent all traffic from turning as follows:

For All Phases of the Works:

- i. Right from A550 northbound carriageway into B5463 Ledsham Road;
- ii. Right from A550 southbound carriageway into B5463 Badgersrake Lane;

For Phase 1 of the Works:

- iii. Left from Shotwick Lane westbound onto A550 southbound;
- iv. Right from Shotwick Lane westbound onto A550 northbound;
- v. Left from Shotwick Lane eastbound onto A550 southbound;
- vi. Left from Shotwick Lane eastbound onto A550 northbound;

For Phase 2 of the Works:

- vii. Left from Ledsham Hall Lane onto A550 northbound;
- viii. Right from Ledsham Lane onto A550 northbound;
- ix. Left from Badgersrake Lane onto A550 northbound;
- x. Right from B5463 Ledsham Road onto A550 northbound;
- xi. Right from Berwick Road onto A550 northbound;

For Phase 3 of the Works:

- xii. Left from Ledsham Lane onto A550 southbound;
- xiii. Right from Ledsham Hall Lane onto A550 southbound;
- xiv. Right from Badgersrake Lane onto A550 southbound;
- xv. Left from B5436 Ledsham Road onto A550 Southbound;
- xvi. Left from Berwick Road onto A550 southbound;
- xvii. Left from Margarets Lane onto A550 southbound;
- xviii. Left from Blackboards Lane onto A550 southbound;
- xix. Left from Heath Lane westbound onto A550 southbound;
- xx. Right from Heath Lane eastbound onto A550 northbound;
- xxi. Left from School Lane westbound onto A550 southbound and
- xxii. Right from School Lane eastbound onto A550 southbound.

The works are expected to take place during a period between 2200 hours on Monday 15 October 2012 until 0500 hours on Saturday 17 November 2012. However, work may start and continue beyond these dates until completed.

For Phase 1:

Traffic wishing to join the A550 northbound from Woodbank Junction with the A494 will be directed to continue along the A494 eastbound to the junction with A540, travel north-westbound along the A540 until the signalised junction with the A550 Two Mills Junction where the diversion will end with traffic having the option to turn right onto A550 northbound or continue straight on north-westbound on the A540.

Local traffic wishing to access Shotwick Lane or Woodbank Lane from the A550 will instead be able to do so by turning left from the A540 north-westbound onto Shotwick Lane.

Traffic wishing to travel southbound along the A550 from its Two Mills signalised junction with the A540 will be directed to turn left and travel south-eastbound along the A540 toward Chester, take the third exit at the first roundabout junction with the A494 to join A494 westbound and continue to the Woodbank Junction with the A550 where the diversion will end. Traffic wishing to access the A594 can continue westbound and traffic wishing to access the A548 will be able to exit for this purpose.

Local traffic wishing to access Shotwick Lane or Woodbank Lane from A550 will instead be able to do so by turning right from the A540 south-eastbound onto Shotwick Lane.

For Phase 2:

Traffic wishing to continue northbound along the A550 northbound at its signalised Two Mills Junction with the A540 will be directed to turn right onto the A540 south-eastbound and continue to the junction with the A5117, turn left and continue eastbound along the A5117 to the roundabout junction with the A41. Here diverted traffic will be directed to take the 1st exit onto A41 northbound until the signalised junction with the A550 where the diversion will end.

From this point, any traffic wishing to return Southbound on the A550 will be directed to continue on the A41 northbound to the M53 Junction 5 roundabout and take 4th exit on to the A41 southbound, continue back along the A41 to its signalised junction with the A550 and turn right on to the A550 Southbound where the diversion will end.

Advanced signage will be provided at the A550/A494 Woodbank Junction advising road users that the A550 northbound is closed and through traffic should continue along the A494 eastbound and A5117 to join the aforementioned diversion.

Any local traffic that wishes to access minor roads from the A550 northbound within the closed section will be able to do so from A41 northbound carriageway or the A550 southbound carriageway.

Traffic wishing to join the A550 northbound from A540 northbound will be redirected by advance signage at the A540/A5117 Junction to turn right on to the A5117 where they will pick up the main diversion route. Traffic missing the advanced signage will be directed at the A540/A550 junction onto the A550 southbound to the signalised junction of the A550/A494 where it will turn left on to the A494 eastbound and continue to take the next exit signposted A540. From here traffic will continue to and through the traffic signals onto the A5117 where it will join the main diversion route.

Traffic wishing to turn right onto Badgersrake Lane from A550 southbound will instead be directed to continue along the A550 southbound carriageway to its junction with Ledsham Hall Lane, where the diverted traffic will be directed to turn right into Ledsham Hall Lane and proceed northbound to its junction with B5463 Badgersrake Lane, where the diversion will end.

Drivers from other local roads wishing to turn right or left onto the A550 northbound carriageway will be directed to turn instead onto and continue along the A550 southbound carriageway to the A540, turn left onto the A540 southbound and continue to its junction with the A5117 to pick up the diversion for the A550 northbound.

For Phase 3:

Traffic on the A41 wishing to join the A550 southbound carriageway at its signalised junction with the A550 will instead be directed to continue along the A41 southbound to its roundabout junction with the A5117, take the 3rd exit onto the A5117 westbound carriageway and continue until its signalised junction with the A540 where the diversion will end for traffic wishing to access the A540. Traffic wishing to rejoin the A550 will be directed to turn right and continue to the A540 junction with the A550 where the diversion will end.

Any local traffic that wished to access minor roads from the A550 southbound within the closed section will be able to do so from A41 southbound carriageway or A550 northbound carriageway.

Traffic wishing to turn right from A550 northbound into B5463 Ledsham Road will instead be directed to continue along the A550 northbound carriageway and then A41 northbound carriageway to M53 Junction 5, take the 4th exit to return along the A41 southbound to the junction with Ledsham Road and turn right.

Drivers from local roads wishing to turn right or left onto the A550 southbound carriageway will be directed to turn into the A550 northbound carriageway and continue along the A550 northbound carriageway and then A41 northbound carriageway to M53 Junction 5, take the 4th exit to return along the A41 and then A550 southbound carriageways to return to the desired junction.

The prohibitions will apply only during such times and to such extent as will be indicated by traffic signs and will not apply to vehicles being used in connection with the works or by traffic officers, or to vehicles being used for emergency purposes by the police, fire and rescue or ambulance services.

The Order comes into force on 15 October 2012 and has a maximum duration of eighteen months. The Agency contact for any further information about this notice is Ian Claridge: Telephone No. 0161 930 5923.

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