

GLA 2012 No.0028

**THE A101 GLA ROAD (ROTHERHITHE TUNNEL, LONDON
BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS AND SOUTHWARK)
(VARIOUS PROHIBITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS)
CONSOLIDATION ORDER 2012**

Made 8th March 2012

Coming into force 16th March 2012

Transport for London in exercise of the powers conferred by section 6 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984^a, and of all other enabling powers, hereby makes the following Order—

1. Commencement and citation

This Order may be cited as The A101 GLA Road (Rotherhithe Tunnel, London Borough of Tower Hamlets and Southwark) (Various Prohibitions and Restrictions) Consolidation Order 2012 and shall come into force on the 16th March 2012.

2. The general nature and effect of the Order is to:

- a) consolidate all the various prohibitions and restrictions Regulations and Orders relating to traffic using the Rotherhithe Tunnel, except as modified below;
- b) amend the width restriction for the Rotherhithe Tunnel from 7' 6" to 6' 6" (1.98m) for reasons of road and tunnel safety;
- c) include the prohibition of the transport of dangerous goods through the Rotherhithe Tunnel as a result of the European Agreement Concerning the Carriage and Use of Transportable Pressure Equipment (Amendment) 2011.

3. Interpretation

- (1) In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have got the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them:

^a 1984 c.27

^b SI1996/2092

- (a) "tunnel" means Rotherhithe tunnel and, except for the purposes of Articles 14 and 15 of this Order, includes the approach roads between the archways situated respectively at the junction of the northern approach and Branch Road in the London Borough of Tower Hamlets, and at the junction of the southern approach with Lower Road in the London Borough of Southwark, as well as a section of Branch Road from its junction with the northern approach to the tunnel up to its junction with Ratcliffe Lane in the London Borough of Tower Hamlets;
 - (b) "vehicle" means any motor vehicle, articulated vehicle, trailer and semi-trailer, as defined in article 4 of the Convention on Road Traffic of 19th September 1949, other than vehicles belonging to or under the orders of the armed forces.
 - (c) "Dangerous Goods" means "corrosive substance", "flammable gas", "flammable liquid", "organic peroxide", "spontaneously combustible substance" and "toxic goods" mean substances so classified in accordance with regulation 5 of the Carriage of Dangerous Goods (Classification, Packaging and Labelling) and Use of Transportable Pressure Receptacles Regulations 1996^a ;
 - (d) "cycle" means a cycle not being propelled by mechanical means;
- (2) For the purposes of this Order a vehicle and any trailer drawn thereby shall be deemed to be a single vehicle.
- (3) The Interpretation Act, chapter 78(c) applies to this Order as if it were an enactment.

Prohibition of certain classes of traffic

- 4. No person shall cause any vehicle the overall width of which, together with the load (if any) carried thereon, exceeds 6 feet 6 inches (1.98 metres) to enter the southern approach road to the tunnel from the Jamaica Road / Lower Road roundabout exit.
- 5. No person shall cause any vehicle, proceeding in a southerly direction in Branch Road, the overall width of which, together with the load (if any) carried thereon, exceeds 6 feet 6 inches (1.98 metres) to enter that length of the carriageway which lies between the long island site adjacent to the eastern kerblines of Branch Road and the shorter island site adjacent to the western kerblines of Branch Road.
- 6. No person shall cause any vehicle the length of which, including any tailboard or rear doors and together with any load carried thereon and projecting no more than 8 feet (2.4m) behind the rearmost point of the body excluding tailboard or rear doors of the vehicle, exceeds 33 feet (10 metres) to enter the tunnel.
- 7. No person shall cause any vehicle the overall height of which, together with the load (if any) carried thereon, exceeds 14 feet 9 inches (4.4 metres) to enter the tunnel.
- 8. No person shall cause any vehicle the overall weight of which, together with the load (if any) carried thereon, exceeds 17 tonnes to enter the tunnel.

^a 1978 c.30

9. No person shall cause or permit any vehicle carrying any dangerous goods to proceed through the tunnel.
10. No person shall cause any vehicle drawn by horses or other animals, or drawn or propelled by hand to enter the tunnel.

Prohibitions of movement

11. No person shall cause any vehicle proceeding in a southerly direction in Branch Road in the London Borough of Tower Hamlets, to turn right at the southern end of the easternmost long island site situated at the junction of Branch Road and the northern approach to the tunnel.
12. No person shall cause any vehicle proceeding northwards in the northern approach to the tunnel in the London Borough of Tower Hamlets, thereupon to turn right or u-turn into Branch Road so as to travel in a southerly direction.
13. No person shall cause any vehicle proceeding in a southerly direction to enter the northern approach to the tunnel in the London Borough of Tower Hamlets otherwise than by passing along that length of carriageway which lies between the long island site adjacent to the eastern kerbline of Branch Road and the shorter island site adjacent to the western kerbline of Branch Road.
14. No person shall cause any vehicle proceeding in length of Branch Road which lies between the junction of Horseferry Road and the northern approach to the tunnel in the London Borough of Tower Hamlets, thereupon to turn left into the northern approach to the tunnel.
15. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to enter the area of carriageway which lies between the southern kerbline of the small triangular island site, situated at the junction of the northern approach to the tunnel and Branch Road in the London Borough of Tower Hamlets, and a point 4.5 metres thereof;

Provided that nothing in this Article shall apply to any vehicle being used:-

- (a) For the fire brigade, police or ambulance purposes
- (b) In the service of a statutory undertaker or local authority in pursuance of statutory powers or duties provided that in all circumstances it is reasonably necessary in exercise of those powers or in the performance of those duties for the vehicle to gain access to the tunnel or to the inner courtyard of John Scurr House.

16. No person shall cause or permit any vehicle travelling throughout the tunnel and its approaches to overtake any moving vehicle proceeding in the same direction

Provided that nothing in this Article shall render it unlawful to cause or permit any vehicle to overtake in the tunnel any cycle not having a sidecar attached thereto.

17. No person proceeding on foot through the tunnel shall enter the carriageway thereof or so proceed otherwise than on the footway which, when viewed in the direction in which he is proceeding, lies on the right hand side of the tunnel:

Provided that nothing in this Article shall prevent any person having such access to any part of the tunnel as is reasonably practical and necessary.

18. No person shall cause or permit any motor vehicle to be driven at a speed exceeding 20 miles per hour in the tunnel.

Provided that nothing in this Article shall apply in respect of -

- (a) any vehicle on any occasion when it is being used for fire brigade, ambulance or police purposes if the observance of that provision would hinder the use of the vehicle; or
- (b) anything done with the permission or at the direction of a police constable in uniform or a person authorised by Transport for London.

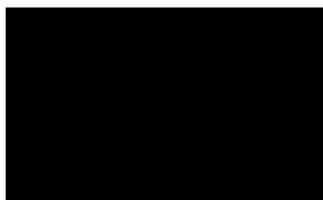
19. Exemptions

- (1) The controls specified in article 9 do not apply in respect of a vehicle carrying:-
 - (a) Fuel carried in the fuel tank of a vehicle for the purpose of its propulsion;
 - (b) any substance carried in a vehicle for police, fire brigade or ambulance purposes;
 - (c) any substance falling within Transport category 4 in table 1 in schedule 1 to the carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road Regulations 1996 (SI 1996/2095) and in case of Transport categories 1, 2 and 3 goods, within the load limits determined in accordance with table 2 of that schedule.

20. Revocation of previous Regulations and Orders

- (1) Without prejudice to the validity of anything done or to any liability incurred in respect of any act or omission before coming into operation of this Order, the following Regulations and Orders are hereby revoked insofar as they relate to the Rotherhithe Tunnel:
 - (a) The London Traffic (Slow Moving Traffic) (Blackwall and Rotherhithe Tunnels) Regulations, 1949 (1949/1638);
 - (b) The London Traffic (Control of Speed of Traffic) Blackwall and Rotherhithe Tunnels Regulations, 1950 (1950/1348);
 - (c) The Rotherhithe Tunnel Traffic Order, 1969 (1969/96);
 - (d) The Rotherhithe Tunnel (Amendment No. 1) Traffic Order, 1981 (1981/199);
 - (e) The Rotherhithe Tunnel (Amendment No. 2) Traffic Order, 1992 (1992/43);
 - (f) Any other Orders that relate to the passage and movement of vehicles through the Rotherhithe Tunnel.

Dated this 8th day of March 2012



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