

**2012 No. 112**

**ROAD TRAFFIC**

**The A720 Trunk Road (Edinburgh City Bypass) (Hermiston Junction to Calder Junction) (Speed Limit) Order 2012**

*Made* - - - - *28th March 2012*

*Coming into force* - - *4th April 2012*

The Scottish Ministers make the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 84(1)(a) and 124(1)(d) of, and paragraph 27(1) of Schedule 9 to, the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(a) and all other powers enabling them to do so.

In accordance with section 84(2)(b) of that Act they have given public notice of their intention to do so.

**Citation, commencement and interpretation**

1. This Order may be cited as the A720 Trunk Road (Edinburgh City Bypass) (Hermiston Junction to Calder Junction) (Speed Limit) Order 2012 and comes into force on 4th April 2012.

2. In this Order—

“the A720” means the A720 Edinburgh City Bypass Trunk Road; and

“M8” means the M8/A8 Edinburgh to Greenock Trunk Road.

**Restriction of speed**

3. No person may drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on the lengths of road specified in the Schedule to this Order.

**Exemption**

4. No speed restriction imposed by this Order applies to vehicles falling within regulation 3(4) of the Road Traffic Exemptions (Special Forces) (Variation and Amendment) Regulations 2011(c) when used in accordance with regulation 3(5) of those regulations.

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(a) 1984 c.27; Section 84(1) was substituted by the Road Traffic Act 1991 (c.40), section 45(2). Paragraph 27(1) of Schedule 9 was relevantly amended by the Road Traffic (Special Events) Act 1994 (c.11), Schedule 1, paragraph 5 and the Transport (Scotland) Act 2001 (asp 2), schedule 2, paragraph 3. The Scottish Ministers are the traffic authority by virtue of section 121A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (inserted by the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 (c.22), Schedule 8, paragraph 70 and amended by S.I. 2001/1400) as read with section 151(1) of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 (c.54). The functions of the Secretary of State were transferred to the Scottish Ministers by S.I. 1999/1750.

(b) Section 84(2) was substituted by the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991, section 168(1), Schedule 8, paragraph 61(2).

(c) S.I. 2011/935.

**Revocation**

5. The A720 Trunk Road (Calder Junction to Hermiston Gait Area) (50mph Speed Limit) Order 1998(a) is revoked.

Buchanan House,  
Glasgow  
28th March 2012

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A member of the staff of the Scottish Ministers

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(a) S.I. 1998/1235.

## SCHEDULE 1

Article 3

- 1.** That length of the A720 being the eastbound off slip road to Hermiston Junction, a distance of 807 metres or thereby.
- 2.** That length of the A720 being the eastbound off slip road to Calder Junction, between the A720 eastbound off slip road to Hermiston Junction and the A720 eastbound slip road from Hermiston Junction to Calder Junction, a distance of 756 metres or thereby.
- 3.** That length of the A720 being the dedicated combined eastbound on slip road from Hermiston Junction to the A720 and the Calder Junction, to a point directly under the centre line of the viaduct carrying the Union Canal, a distance of 407 metres or thereby.
- 4.** That length of the A720 being the westbound off slip road to Hermiston Junction, a distance of 306 metres or thereby.
- 5.** That length of the A720 being the westbound on slip road from Hermiston Junction, a distance of 346 metres or thereby.
- 6.** That length of the A720 being the westbound on slip road from the M8 (Calder Junction) westbound on slip road to a point on the carriageway 350 metres or thereby north of the centre line of the Gogar Green underpass, a distance of 1.520 kilometres or thereby.
- 7.** That length of the A720 being the Hermiston Junction roundabout, a distance of 417 metres or thereby.

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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

This Order sets the maximum speed limit for the driving of motor vehicles at 50 miles per hour on certain lengths of the A720 Trunk Road (Edinburgh City Bypass) (Hermiston Junction to Calder Junction) described in the Schedule to the Order (article 3 and the Schedule).

The speed limit does not apply to vehicles used for naval, military or air force purposes while being driven by a member of the special forces in response, or for practice in responding, to a national security emergency (article 4).

The A720 Trunk Road (Calder Junction to Hermiston Gait Area) (50mph Speed Limit) Order 1998 is revoked (article 5).