

2011 No. 1639

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The M61 Motorway (Junctions 6-2 Southbound Carriageway
and Northbound and Southbound Slip Roads) (Temporary
Prohibition and Restriction of Traffic) Order 2011**

Made - - - -

29th June 2011

Coming into force - -

17th July 2011

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M61 Motorway and its slip roads, is satisfied that traffic on sections of that motorway and on seven of those slip roads in the Districts of Bolton and Salford in Greater Manchester should be prohibited and restricted because works are proposed to be executed thereon:

NOW, THEREFORE, the Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 14(1)(a) and (7) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(a) hereby makes the following Order:-

1. This Order may be cited as the M61 Motorway (Junctions 6-2 Southbound Carriageway and Northbound and Southbound Slip Roads) (Temporary Prohibition and Restriction of Traffic) Order 2011 and shall come into force on 17th July 2011.

2. In this Order:

“the motorway” means the M61 Motorway between Junctions 6 and 2;

“the tip of the nosing of the exit slip road” means the last point where the slip road leaves the carriageway of the motorway;

“the tip of the nosing of the entry slip road” means the first point where the slip road joins the carriageway of the motorway;

“the first length of carriageway” means the southbound carriageway of the motorway from the tip of the nosing of the exit slip road leading to Bolton West Service Area to a point 300 metres south of the tip of the nosing of the exit slip road at Junction 3;

“the second length of carriageway” means the southbound carriageway of the motorway from a point 300 metres south of the tip of the nosing of the entry slip road leading from Bolton West Service Area to a point 100 metres south of the tip of the nosing of the exit slip road at Junction 3;

(a) 1984 c.27; a new section 14 was substituted by the Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Act 1991 (c.26), section 1(1) and Schedule 1

“the first slip road” means the exit slip road leading from the northbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 4;

“the second slip road” means the entry slip road leading to the northbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 4;

“the third slip road” means the exit slip road leading from the northbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 5;

“the fourth slip road means the entry slip road leading to the northbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 5;

“the fifth slip road” means the exit slip road leading from the southbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 2;

“the sixth slip road” means the exit slip road leading from the southbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 3;

“the seventh slip road” means the exit slip road leading from the southbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 6;

“hardshoulder” has the meaning given in regulation 3(1)(e) of the Motorways Traffic (England and Wales) Regulations 1982(a);

“the length of hardshoulder” means the hardshoulder adjacent to the second length of carriageway;

“the works period” means periods overnight between 2100 hours and 0600 hours during a period starting on Monday 18 July 2011 and ending on Monday 12 September 2011. However, works may start and continue between the same times on subsequent nights or continue overnight until completed, for such period not exceeding 18 months as shall be required to complete the work;

“works” means resurfacing and loop cutting works on the motorway and slip roads;

3. Subject as mentioned in article 6 of this Order, during the works period, no person shall cause or permit any motor vehicle to be driven in the first length of carriageway or the length of hardshoulder at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour.

4. Subject as mentioned in article 6 of this Order, during the works period, no person shall cause or permit any motor vehicle to enter or proceed in the second length of carriageway or the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth or seventh slip roads.

5. The provisions of regulations 5 and (in so far as it relates to a vehicle being driven) 9 of the Motorways Traffic (England and Wales) Regulations 1982 (a) are suspended in relation to the length of hardshoulder defined in article 2 of this Order at such times and to such extent as may be indicated by traffic signs; and in this article, “hardshoulder” has the meaning given in regulation 3(1)(e) of those Regulations.

6. The provisions of articles 3 and 4 of this Order shall apply only during such times and to such extent as shall from time to time be indicated by traffic signs, and shall not apply to a vehicle being used for emergency purposes by the police, fire and rescue authority or ambulance services or anything done at the direction, or with the permission, of a constable, or a traffic officer in uniform.

And nothing in article 4 of this Order shall apply to any vehicle being used in connection with the said works or by traffic officers.

(a) S.I. 1982/1163 amended by S.I. 1983/374, 1984/1479, 1992/1364.

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

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

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(a) S.I. 2011/935.