

“the lengths of hardshoulder” means the hardshoulder adjacent to the third and fourth lengths of carriageway;

“the works period” means five nights between 2200 hours and 0500 hours during a period starting on Monday 14 March 2011 and ending on Thursday 31 March 2011. However, work 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 loop re-instatement works on the motorway.

3. Subject as mentioned in article 6 of this Order, during the works period, no person shall cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the third or fourth lengths of carriageway.

4. Subject as mentioned in article 6 of this Order, during the works period, no person shall cause or permit any vehicle to be driven in the first or second lengths of carriageway or the lengths of hardshoulder defined in article 2 of this Order at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour.

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 lengths 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 3 of this Order shall apply to any vehicle being used in connection with the said works or by traffic officers.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

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(a) S.I. 1982/1163 amended by S.I.1983/374; 1984/1479.1992/1364.