

2011 No. 875

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The M48 Motorway (Junction 1 to Moor Lane Overbridge) and
M4 Motorway (Junction 22 to Moor Lane Overbridge)
(Temporary Prohibition and Restriction of Traffic) Order 2011**

Made - - - - *15th March 2011*

Coming into force - - *19th March 2011*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M48 Motorway (“the M48”) and the M4 Motorway (“the M4”), is satisfied that traffic on lengths of those roads in South Gloucestershire 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 M48 Motorway (Junction 1 to Moor Lane Overbridge) and M4 Motorway (Junction 22 to Moor Lane Overbridge) (Temporary Prohibition and Restriction of Traffic) Order 2011 and shall come into force on 19th March 2011.

2. In this Order –

“the M48” means the eastbound carriageway of the M48 from the tip of the nosing of the eastbound exit slip road at Junction 1 to a point at the centre of Moor Lane Overbridge;

“the M4” means the eastbound carriageway of the M4 from the tip of the nosing of the eastbound exit slip road at Junction 22 to a point at the centre of Moor Lane Overbridge;

“the slip roads” mean (i) the eastbound entry slip road at M4 Junction 22; or (ii) the eastbound entry slip road at M48 Junction 1;

“the tip of the nosing” means the first point where an entry slip road joins the carriageway of a motorway or the last point where an exit slip road leaves the carriageway of a motorway;

“the hard shoulder” means the hard shoulder within the meaning of regulation 3(1)(e) of the Regulations which is adjacent to the M48;

“the Regulations” means the Motorways Traffic (England and Wales) Regulations 1982(b);

“the works” mean resurfacing works;

“a works period” means a period of 10 hours starting at 20.00 hours on Monday 21st March 2011 or any subsequent day and ending when the said works have been completed;

and a reference to an article followed by a number is a reference to the article in this Order which bears that number.

(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.

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

3. Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 6, no person shall, during a works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the slip roads, the M4 or the M48.

4. Subject as mentioned in article 5, no person shall, during a works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour in the M48 and the hard shoulder.

5. The provisions of articles 3 and 4 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) a vehicle being used for police, fire and rescue authority or ambulance purposes;
- (b) anything done at the direction of, or with the permission of, a constable.

6. The provisions of article 3 shall not apply to a vehicle being used in connection with the said works, for traffic officer purposes or for winter maintenance purposes.

7. During the works period, regulation 5 and (insofar as it relates to a vehicle being driven) regulation 9 of the Regulations are hereby suspended, in respect of the hard shoulder, at such times and to such extent as shall from time to time be indicated by traffic signs.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

15th March 2011

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