

2012 No. 1162

ROAD TRAFFIC

The M6 Motorway (Junctions 26-28 Northbound and Southbound Carriageways and Slip Roads) (Temporary Prohibition and Restriction of Traffic) Order 2012

Made - - - -

16th April 2012

Coming into force - -

30th April 2012

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M6 Motorway and its slip roads, is satisfied that traffic on sections of that motorway and on four of those slip roads in the District of Wigan in Greater Manchester and the Districts of West Lancashire and Chorley in the County of Lancashire 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 M6 Motorway (Junctions 26-28 Northbound and Southbound Carriageways and Slip Roads) (Temporary Prohibition and Restriction of Traffic) Order 2012 and shall come into force on 30th April 2012.

2. In this Order:

“the motorway” means the M6 Motorway between Junctions 26 and 28;

“the first length of carriageway” means the northbound carriageway of the motorway from a point 430 metres north of the centreline of Gathurst Road underbridge to a point 590 metres north of the centreline of Boundary Lane bridge;

“the second length of carriageway” means the southbound carriageway of the motorway from a point 290 metres south of Town Lane bridge to a point 260 metres north of the centreline of New Miles Lane bridge;

“the third length of carriageway” means the northbound carriageway of the motorway from a point 400 metres north of the centreline of New Miles Lane bridge to a point 490 metres north of the centreline of Boundary Lane bridge;

“the fourth length of carriageway” means the southbound carriageway of the motorway from a point 290 metres north of the centreline of Boundary Lane bridge to a point 360 metres north of the centreline of New Miles Lane bridge;

(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 27;

“the second slip road” means the entry slip road leading to the northbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 27;

“the third slip road” means the exit slip road leading from the southbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 27;

“the fourth slip road” means the entry slip road leading to the southbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 27;

“overall width” has the meaning given in regulation 3(2) of the Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1986 **(a)**;

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

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

“the first works period” means a period starting at 2000 hours on Tuesday 1 May 2012 and ending at 0500 hours on Tuesday 31 July 2012. However, works may start and continue beyond these dates for such period not exceeding 18 months as shall be required to complete the work;

“the second works period” means periods overnights between 2200 hours and 0500 hours (ending at 0700 hours on Saturdays and Sundays) during a period starting on Tuesday 1 May 2012 and ending on Tuesday 31 July 2012. 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;

“the third works period” means twelve nights between 2200 hours and 0500 hours (ending at 0700 hours on Saturdays and Sundays) during a period starting on Tuesday 1 May 2012 and ending on Tuesday 31 July 2012. 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 associated works on the motorway;

3. 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 **(b)** 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.

4. Subject as mentioned in articles 8 and 9 of this Order, during the first works period, no person shall cause or permit any motor vehicle to be driven in the first and second lengths of carriageway or the lengths of hardshoulder at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour.

5. Subject as mentioned in article 8 of this Order no person shall, during the first works period, cause or permit any motor vehicle with an overall width exceeding 1.95 metres (6 feet 6 inches) to enter or proceed in the outside lane of the third and fourth lengths of carriageway, as indicated by traffic signs.

6. Subject as mentioned in article 8 of this Order, during the second works period, no person shall cause or permit any motor vehicle to enter or proceed in the third and fourth lengths of carriageway.

(a) S.I.1986/1078, to which there are amendments not relevant to this Order.

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

7. Subject as mentioned in article 8 of this Order, during the third works period, no person shall cause or permit any motor vehicle to enter or proceed in the first, second, third and fourth slip roads.

8. The provisions of articles 4, 5, 6 and 7 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 articles 5, 6 and 7 of this Order shall apply to any vehicle being used in connection with the said works or by traffic officers.

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

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(a) S.I 2011/935.