

2012 No. 135

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The M25 Motorway, the M4 Motorway and the M40 Motorway
(M25 Junctions 15 and 16) (Temporary Restriction and
Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012**

Made - - - - - *16th January 2012*

Coming into force - - - - - *7th February 2012*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M25 Motorway, the M4 Motorway, the M40 Motorway and connecting roads, is satisfied that traffic should be restricted and prohibited on some of those connecting roads 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 M25 Motorway, the M4 Motorway and the M40 Motorway (M25 Junctions 15 and 16) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012 and shall come into force on 7th February 2012 and shall apply for a period of twelve months.

2. In this Order:

“the M25”, “the M4” and “the M40” mean, respectively, the M25 Motorway, the M4 Motorway and the M40 Motorway at Thorney Interchange (M25 Junction 15/M4 Junction 4b) and at M25 Junction 16 (M40) in the County of Buckinghamshire, the London Borough of Hillingdon and the Borough of Slough;

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

“a hard shoulder” means the hard shoulder, within the meaning of regulation 3(1)(e) of the Regulations, which is adjacent to the carriageway of a Junction 16 link road or a Junction 15 link road;

“a Junction 16 link road” means –

- (i) any road leading from the clockwise carriageway of the M25 to the eastbound carriageway or the westbound carriageway of the M40,
- (ii) any road leading from the anti-clockwise carriageway of the M25 to the eastbound carriageway or the westbound carriageway of the M40,
- (iii) any road leading from the westbound carriageway of the M40 to the clockwise carriageway or the anti-clockwise carriageway of the M25, or

(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, 1992/1364, 1995/158, 2004/3258.

- (iv) any road leading from the eastbound carriageway of the M40 to the clockwise carriageway or the anti-clockwise carriageway of the M25,

at M25 Junction 16;

“a Junction 15 link road” means –

- (i) any road leading from the clockwise carriageway of the M25 to the eastbound carriageway or the westbound carriageway of the M4,
- (ii) any road leading from the westbound carriageway of the M4 to the clockwise carriageway or the anti-clockwise carriageway of the M25,
- (iii) any road leading from the anti-clockwise carriageway of the M25 to the eastbound carriageway or the westbound carriageway of the M4, or
- (iv) any road leading from the eastbound carriageway of the M4 to the clockwise carriageway or the anti-clockwise carriageway of the M25,

at Thorney Interchange;

“works” mean cyclic maintenance and/or urgent repair work on the M25, the M4 and the M40; and

“a works period” means a period of –

- (i) 7½ hours starting at 2200 hours on Tuesday 7th February 2012 or on any subsequent day other than a Friday, Saturday or Sunday,
- (ii) 8 hours starting at 2300 hours on Friday 10th February 2012 or on any subsequent Friday,
- (iii) 9 hours starting at 2200 hours on Saturday 11th February 2012 or on any subsequent Saturday, or
- (iv) 7 hours starting at 2230 hours on Sunday 12th February 2012 or on any subsequent Sunday,

until Wednesday 6th February 2013.

3. Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 6 below, no person shall, during a works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in a Junction 16 link road or a Junction 15 link road.

4. Subject as mentioned in articles 5, 6 and 7 below, no person shall, during a works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on a Junction 16 link road, a Junction 15 link road or a hard shoulder.

5. The provisions of articles 3 and 4 above shall apply only at such times and to such extent as shall from time to time be indicated by traffic signs.

6.(1) Nothing in article 3 above shall apply to -

- (a) a vehicle being used in connection with the said works;
- (b) a vehicle being used for police, ambulance, traffic officer or fire and rescue authority purposes;
- (c) anything done at the direction of, or with the permission of, a constable or traffic officer in uniform; or
- (d) any vehicle being used for winter maintenance purposes.

(2) Nothing in article 4 above shall apply to a vehicle being used for police, ambulance or fire and rescue authority purposes and 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.

7. During a works period, the provisions of regulations 5 and (insofar as it relates to a vehicle being driven) 9 of the Regulations are hereby suspended, in respect of a 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 for Transport

16th January 2012

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(a) S.I. 2011/935.