

2012 No. 1364

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The M4 Motorway (Junction 4B, Link Road) (Temporary
Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012**

Made - - - - *14th May 2012*

Coming into force - - *2nd June 2012*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M4 Motorway and connecting roads, is satisfied that traffic should be restricted and prohibited on one 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 M4 Motorway (Junction 4B, Link Road) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012 and shall come into force on 2nd June 2012.

2. In this Order:

“the motorway” means the M4 Motorway near West Drayton in the County of Buckinghamshire and the Borough of Slough;

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

“the link road” means the road leading from the westbound carriageway of the motorway to the clockwise carriageway of the M25 at Thorney Interchange (M4 Junction 4B/M25 Junction 15);

“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 link road;

“works” mean bridge maintenance and repair work on the motorway; and

“a first works period” means a period of 24 hours starting at 0001 hours on Wednesday 6th June 2012 or on any subsequent day until 1st December 2013;

“a second works period” means a period –

(i) 7½ hours starting at 2200 hours on Wednesday 6th June 2012 or on any subsequent day other than a Friday, Saturday or Sunday, or

(ii) 7 hours starting at 2300 hours on Friday 8th June 2012 or on any subsequent Friday, until 1st December 2013.

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

(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.

4. Subject as mentioned in articles 5, 6 and 7 below, no person shall, during a first works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 40 miles per hour on a 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 first 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

14th May 2012

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(a) S.I. 2011/935.