

2012 No. 1381

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The M4 Motorway, the M5 Motorway, the M48 Motorway and
the M32 Motorway (Temporary Restriction of Traffic) Order
2012**

Made - - - -

18th May 2012

Coming into force - -

21st May 2012

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M4 Motorway (“the M4”), the M5 Motorway (“the M5”), the M48 Motorway (“the M48”), the M32 Motorway (“the M32”) and connecting roads, is satisfied that traffic on lengths of those roads and some of those connecting roads in South Gloucestershire and in the City of Bristol should be restricted because works are being executed thereon:

NOW, THEREFORE, the Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 14(1)(a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(a), hereby makes the following Order:-

1. This Order may be cited as the M4 Motorway, the M5 Motorway, the M48 Motorway and the M32 Motorway (Temporary Restriction of Traffic) Order 2012 and shall come into force on 21st May 2012.

2. In this Order –

“the lengths of the motorways” means (i) the eastbound carriageway of the M4 between Junctions 22 and 18 from a point at the centre of Holme Road Overbridge to a point at the centre of Bromley Heath Road Underbridge; (ii) the westbound carriageway of the M4 between Junctions 18 and 21 from a point at the centre of the A432 Badminton Road Underbridge to a point at the centre of the A38 Gloucester Road Overbridge; (iii) the eastbound carriageway of the M48 from a point at the centre of the Ingst Road Overbridge (east of Junction 1) to a point 100 metres east of the centre of the Hardy Lane Overbridge (west of its intersection with the M4); (iv) the northbound carriageway of the M32 from a point at the centre of Stoke Lane Overbridge (north of Junction 2) to its intersection with M4 Junction 19; (v) the circulatory carriageway at M4 Junction 19; (vi) the southbound carriageway of the M5 between Junctions 14 and 18 from a point at the centre of the B4427 Church Road Overbridge to a point at the centre of the Berwick Road Overbridge; (vii) the northbound carriageway of the M5 between Junctions 18 and 14 from a point at the centre of Hallen Road Underpass to a point at the centre of Hortham Lane Overbridge;

“the slip roads” mean (i) the slip road leading from the M4 eastbound to the M5 northbound at M4 Junction 20 (the ‘F’ loop); (ii) the slip road leading from the M4 eastbound to the M5 southbound at M4 Junction 20 (the ‘J’ loop); (iii) the eastbound and westbound entry and exit

(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.

slip roads at M4 Junction 19; (iv) the slip road leading from the M4 westbound to the M5 northbound at M4 Junction 20 (the 'K' loop); (v) the slip road leading from the M4 westbound to the M5 southbound at M4 Junction 20 (the 'D' loop); (vi) the northbound entry slip road at M32 Junction 1; (vii) the slip road leading from the M5 southbound to the M4 eastbound at M5 Junction 15 (the 'C' loop); (viii) the slip road leading from the M5 southbound to the M4 westbound at M5 Junction 15 (the 'H' loop); (ix) the southbound and northbound entry and exit slip roads at M5 Junction 16; (x) the southbound and northbound exit and entry slip roads at M5 Junction 17; (xi) the slip road leading from the M5 northbound to the M4 westbound at M5 Junction 15 (the 'E' loop); (xii) the slip road leading from the M5 northbound to the M4 eastbound at M5 Junction 15 (the 'G' loop); (xiii) the M5 southbound and northbound connecting / distributor roads at Almondsbury Interchange between Junctions 15 and 16 including the southbound entry slip road and the northbound exit and entry slip roads at Junction 15;

“the works” mean the construction of the M4 / M5 Managed Motorway scheme involving the installation of super-span gantries plus supporting infrastructure, the renovation of existing gantries, the construction of emergency refuge areas, the installation of CCTV and ANPR cameras and associated loops, ducting and cabling, barrier works, signing, resurfacing, earthworks, electrical works, white lining and studding works;

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

“the works period” means the period starting at 00.01 hours on Tuesday 22nd May 2012 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.

3. Subject as mentioned in articles 4 and 5, no person shall, during the works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on the lengths of the motorways and the slip roads.

4. The provisions of article 3 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 police, fire and rescue authority or ambulance purposes or anything done at the direction of, or with the permission of, a constable.

5. 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 when used in accordance with regulation 3(5) of those Regulations.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

18th May 2012

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