

**2012 No. 1561**

**ROAD TRAFFIC**

**The M4 Motorway (Junctions 17-18) (Temporary Restriction  
and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012**

*Made* - - - - *6th June 2012*

*Coming into force* - - *14th June 2012*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M4 Motorway (“the M4”) and connecting roads, is satisfied that traffic on lengths of that road and two of those connecting roads between Junctions 17 and 18 in Wiltshire and in South Gloucestershire should be restricted and prohibited 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) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(a), hereby makes the following Order:

1. This Order may be cited as the M4 Motorway (Junctions 17-18) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012 and shall come into force on 14th June 2012.

2. In this Order –

“the first length of the M4” means (i) the eastbound carriageway of the M4 between Junctions 18 and 17 from a point at the centre of the Marshfield Road Overbridge to a point 2300 metres west of the centre of the B4039 Overbridge; and (ii) the westbound carriageway of the M4 between Junctions 17 and 18 from a point 300 metres west of the centre of the B4039 Overbridge to a point 1300 metres east of the centre of the Marshfield Road Overbridge;

“the second length of the M4” means (i) the eastbound carriageway of the M4 from the tip of the nosing of the eastbound exit slip road at Junction 18 to the tip of the nosing of the eastbound entry slip road at Junction 17; and (ii) the westbound carriageway of the M4 from the tip of the nosing of the westbound exit slip road at Junction 17 to the tip of the nosing of the westbound entry slip road at Junction 18;

“the slip roads” mean (i) the westbound entry slip road at M4 Junction 17; and (ii) the eastbound entry slip road at M4 Junction 18;

“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 works” mean the installation and use of barrier and sky cradle systems to pull cable across the motorway;

“the works period” means the period starting at 06.00 hours on Saturday 14th July and ending when the said works have been completed;

“a first works period” means a period of 8 hours starting at 22.00 hours on Saturday 16th June 2012 or on any subsequent day and ending when the said works have been completed;

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(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.

“a second works period” means a period of 4 hours starting at 05.00 hours on Sunday 17th June 2012 or on any subsequent Sunday and ending when the said works have been completed;

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

**3.** Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 7, no person shall, during the works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on the first length of the M4.

**4.** Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 6, no person shall, during a first works period and a second works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the second length of the M4 and the slip roads.

**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; or
- (b) anything done at the direction of, or with the permission of, a constable.

**6.** The provisions of article 4 shall not apply to a vehicle being used in connection with the said works or for traffic officer purposes.

**7.** 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

6th June 2012

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