

**2012 No. 1579**

**ROAD TRAFFIC**

**The M54 Motorway (Junction 1 to Junction 3) (Temporary  
Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012**

*Made* - - - - 18th May 2012

*Coming into force* - - 25th May 2012

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M54 Motorway (“the M54”) and connecting roads, is satisfied that traffic on lengths of that motorway and on some of those connecting roads in the Counties of Staffordshire and Shropshire, should be restricted and prohibited because works are proposed to be executed thereon and nearby:

NOW, THEREFORE, the Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 14(1)(a) and 15(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(a), and of all other powers enabling her in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order: -

1. This Order may be cited as the M54 Motorway (Junction 1 to Junction 3) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012 and shall come into force on 25th May 2012.

2. In this Order:

“the first length of motorway” means the eastbound and westbound carriageways of the M54 from a point 650 metres west of the centreline of the Port Lane over bridge to a point 450 metres east of the Cat and Kittens Lane under bridge;

“the second length of motorway” means –  
(i) the eastbound carriageway of the M54 from its junction with the exit slip road at Junction 3 to its junction with the entry slip road at Junction 1; and  
(ii) the westbound carriageway of the M54 from its junction with the exit slip road at Junction 1 to its junction with the entry slip road at Junction 3;

“a slip road” means the slip roads leading to and from the eastbound and westbound carriageways of the M54 at Junction 2;

“the works period” means the period starting at 20.00 hours on Friday 1st June 2012 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

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 5 and 6 no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle to be driven at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on the first length of motorway or a slip road.

4. Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 6 no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed on the second length of motorway or -

- a) the slip road leading to the eastbound carriageway of the M54 at Junction 3;
- b) the slip road leading to the eastbound carriageway of the M54 at Junction 2;
- c) the slip road leading to the westbound carriageway of the M54 at Junction 1; and
- d) the slip road leading to the westbound carriageway of the M54 at Junction 2.

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.

6. The provisions of –

- (i) article 3, shall not apply to any vehicle being used by special forces.
- (ii) articles 3 and 4 shall not apply to any vehicle being used for police, fire brigade or ambulance purposes, or proceeding at the direction of, or with the permission of, a police constable or traffic officer in uniform; and
- (iii) article 4 shall not apply to any vehicle being used in connection with the said works; or being used by a traffic officer in uniform.

7. The Secretary of State is satisfied that the execution of the said works will take longer than a period of 18 months starting on the date when this Order comes into force.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

18th May 2012

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