

2012 No. 1677

ROAD TRAFFIC

The M54 Motorway (Junctions 2 – 3) (Temporary Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012

Made - - - - *6th June 2012*

Coming into force - - *13th June 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 two of those connecting roads in the Counties of Staffordshire and Shropshire should be prohibited because of the likelihood of danger to the public:

NOW, THEREFORE, the Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 14 (1)(b) and 7 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 (Junctions 2 – 3) (Temporary Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012 and shall come into force on 13th June 2012.
2. In this Order –

“the motorway” means the westbound carriageway of the M54 between a point 1300 metres and a point 7400 metres west of the centreline of Port Lane overbridge, north of Codsall;

“a slip road” means –
i) the slip road leading from the eastbound carriageway of the M54 at Junction 3; and
ii) the slip road leading from the westbound carriageway of the M54 at Junction 3;

“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 motorway;

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

(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.

3. Subject as mentioned in articles 4 and 5, no person shall, during the period starting at 06.00 hours on Sunday 17th June 2012 and ending when the said likelihood of danger has been avoided, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in a slip road.

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.

5. The provisions of article 3 shall not apply to any vehicle –

(a) being used for police, fire brigade or ambulance purposes;

(b) proceeding at the direction of, or with the permission of, a police constable, or traffic officer in uniform; or

(c) being used by a traffic officer in uniform.

6. During the period mentioned in article 3, regulations 5 and (in so far 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 may from time to time be indicated by traffic signs.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

6th June 2012

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