

2012 No. 177

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The M53 Motorway (Junction 12) and the A55 Trunk Road
(Junction 37) Northbound and Southbound Carriageways and
Slip Roads (Temporary Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012**

Made - - - - - *19th January 2012*

Coming into force - - - - - *5th February 2012*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M53 Motorway and the A55 Trunk Road and their slip roads, is satisfied that traffic on sections of that motorway and trunk road and on four of those slip roads in Cheshire West and Chester should be 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 M53 Motorway (Junction 12) and the A55 Trunk Road (Junction 37) Northbound and Southbound Carriageways and Slip Roads (Temporary Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012 and shall come into force on 5th February 2012.

2. In this Order:

“the motorway” means the M53 Motorway;

“the trunk road” means the A55 Trunk Road;

“the tip of the nosing of the exit slip road” means the last point where the slip road leaves the carriageway of the motorway or trunk road;

“the tip of the nosing of the entry slip road” means the first point where the slip road joins the carriageway of the motorway or trunk road;

“works” means resurfacing works on the motorway and trunk road;

“the works period” means six nights between 2200 hours and 0500 hours (continuing to 0700 hours on Saturdays and Sundays) during a period starting on Monday 6 February 2012 and ending on Sunday 12 February 2012. However, work may start and continue between the same times on subsequent nights or continue until completed, for such period not exceeding 18 months as shall be required to complete the work;

(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

“the first length of carriageway” means the southbound carriageway of the motorway from the tip of the nosing of the exit slip road at Junction 12 to the end of the motorway;

“the second length of carriageway” means the northbound carriageway of the motorway from the start of the motorway to the tip of the nosing of the entry slip road at Junction 12;

“the third length of carriageway” means the southbound carriageway of the trunk road from the start of the trunk road to the tip of the nosing of the entry slip road at Junction 37 (Vicars Cross);

“the fourth length of carriageway” means the northbound carriageway of the trunk road from the tip of the nosing of the exit slip road at Junction 37 (Vicars Cross) to the end of the trunk road;

“the first slip road” means the entry slip road leading to the southbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 12;

“the second slip road” means the exit slip road leading from the northbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 12;

“the third slip road” means the exit slip road leading from the southbound carriageway of the trunk road at Junction 37 (Vicars Cross);

“the fourth slip road” means the entry slip road leading to the northbound carriageway of the trunk road at Junction 37 (Vicars Cross);

3. Subject as mentioned in article 4 of this Order, during the works period, no person shall cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the first, second, third and fourth lengths of carriageway or the first, second, third and fourth slip roads.
4. The provisions of article 3 of this Order shall apply only at such times and to such extent as shall from time to time be indicated by traffic signs and shall not apply to any vehicle being used for emergency purposes by the police, fire and rescue or ambulance services, vehicles being used in connection with the works, or by traffic officers, or to any vehicle proceeding in the direction, or with the permission, of a constable, or a traffic officer in uniform.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

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