

2012 No. 2077

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The M20 Motorway (Junctions 1 – 3) (Temporary Restriction
and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012**

Made - - - - *30th July 2012*

Coming into force - - *18th August 2012*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M20 Motorway and connecting roads, is satisfied that traffic should be restricted and prohibited on lengths of that motorway and prohibited on some of those connecting roads 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 M20 Motorway (Junctions 1 - 3) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012 and shall come into force on 18th August 2012.

2. In this Order:

“the M20” means the M20 Motorway in the County of Kent;

“the Regulations” means regulation 16(2) of the Motorways Traffic (England and Wales) Regulations 1982(b);

“a first length of carriageway” means –

- (i) the coastbound carriageway of the motorway between a point 1050 metres west of Dartford Road (A225) underbridge (at marker post 29/6+50) east of Junction 1 (M25 Junction 3) and a point 200 metres north of London Road (A20) underbridge (at marker post 37/5) north of Junction 2 (A20/A227), or
- (ii) the Londonbound carriageway of the motorway between a point 350 metres northwest of Three Gates Road overbridge (at marker post 34/0+50) southeast of Junction 1 (M25 Junction 3) and a point 700 metres east of Button Street overbridge (at marker post 29/9+50) east of Junction 1 (M25 Junction 3);

“a hard shoulder” means the hard shoulder, within the meaning of regulation 3(1)(e) of the Regulations, which is adjacent to a second length of carriageway;

“a second length of carriageway” means –

- (i) the coastbound carriageway of the motorway between points 200 metres west (at marker post 30/5) and 2300 metres west (at marker post 32/6) of Dartford Road (A225) underbridge east of Junction 1 (M25 Junction 3),

(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, 1995/158, 1996/3053, 2004/3168, 2004/3258 and 2006/594.

- (ii) the coastbound carriageway of the motorway between points 1000 metres northwest (at marker post 33/4) and 5200 metres northwest (at marker post 37/6) of Three Gates Road overbridge east of Junction 1 (M25 Junction 3), or
- (iii) the Londonbound carriageway of the motorway between points 1200 metres northwest (at marker post 33/2) and 4300 metres northwest (at marker post 30/1) of Three Gates Road overbridge east of Junction 1 (M25 Junction 3);

“a third length of carriageway” means –

- (i) the coastbound carriageway of the motorway between Junction 1 (A20/M25 Junction 3) and Junction 3 (M26), or
- (ii) the Londonbound carriageway of the motorway between Junction 3 (M26) and Junction 1 (A20/M25 Junction 3);

“a slip road” means –

- (i) the road leading to the coastbound carriageway of the motorway from the A20 at Junction 1 (M25 Junction 3), or
- (ii) the road leading to the Londonbound carriageway of the motorway from the A20/A227 at Junction 2;

“the link road” means the road leading from the clockwise carriageway of the M25 to the coastbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 1;

“works” mean resurfacing, expansion joint repair, rout and sealing, carriageway resurfacing, road marking, road stud replacement and vegetation clearance work on the motorway; and

“a first works period” means a period of –

- (i) 7 hours starting at 2200 hours on Monday 20th August 2012 or on any subsequent day other than a Friday or Sunday,
- (ii) 6 hours starting at 2300 hours on Friday 24th August 2012 or on any subsequent Friday, or
- (iii) 6½ hours starting at 2230 hours on Sunday 26th August 2012 or on any subsequent Sunday,

until 17th February 2014;

“a second works period” means a period of –

- (i) 7 hours starting at 2200 hours on Monday 17th September 2012 or on any subsequent day other than a Friday or Sunday,
- (ii) 6 hours starting at 2300 hours on Friday 21st September 2012 or on any subsequent Friday, or
- (iii) 6½ hours starting at 2230 hours on Sunday 23rd September 2012 or on any subsequent Sunday,

until 17th February 2014.

3. Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 6 below, no person shall, during a second works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in a third length of carriageway, a slip road or the link road.

4. Subject as mentioned in articles 5, 6 and 7 below, no person shall, during a first works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on a first length of carriageway or a hard shoulder.

5. The provisions of articles 3 and 4 above shall apply only at such times and to such extent as shall from time to time be indicated by traffic signs.

6. (1) Nothing in article 3 above shall apply to -

- (a) a vehicle being used in connection with the said works;
- (b) a vehicle being used for police, ambulance, traffic officer or fire and rescue authority purposes;
- (c) anything done at the direction of, or with the permission of, a constable or traffic officer in uniform; or

(d) any vehicle being used for winter maintenance purposes.

(2) Nothing in article 4 above shall apply to a vehicle being used for police, ambulance or fire and rescue authority purposes and to vehicles falling within regulation 3(4) of the Road Traffic Exemptions (Special Forces) (Variation and Amendment) Regulations 2011(a) when used in accordance with regulation 3(5) of those Regulations.

7. During a first works period, the provisions of regulations 5 and (insofar 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 shall from time to time be indicated by traffic signs.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

30th July 2012

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(a) S.I. 2011/935.