

2012 No. 3293

ROAD TRAFFIC

The M4 Motorway (Junction 16) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012

Made - - - - *31st December 2012*

Coming into force - - *4th January 2013*

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 a length of that road and one of those connecting roads at Junction 16 in Wiltshire and the Borough of Swindon 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) and regulation 16(2) of the Motorways Traffic (England and Wales) Regulations 1982(b), hereby makes the following Order:

1. This Order may be cited as the M4 Motorway (Junction 16) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012 and shall come into force on 4th January 2013.

2. In this Order –

“the M4” means both carriageways of the M4 from a point at the centre of the Hook Overbridge (west of Junction 16) to a point at the centre of the Southleaze Footbridge (east of Junction 16);

“the slip road” means the eastbound entry slip road at M4 Junction 16;

“the hard shoulder” means the hard shoulder within the meaning of regulation 3(1)(e) of the Regulations which is adjacent to the M4;

“the Regulations” means the Motorways Traffic (England and Wales) Regulations 1982(c);

“overall width” has the meaning given in regulation 3(2) of the Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1986(d);

“the works” mean drainage and slope stability works;

“the works period” means the period starting at 19.00 hours on Sunday 6th January 2013 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.

(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, as amended by S.I. 1983/374, 1984/1479, 1992/1364, 1995/158, 1996/3053, 2004/3168, 2004/3258 and 2006/594.

(c) S.I. 1982/1163, amended by S.I. 1983/374, 1984/1479 and 1992/1364.

(d) S.I. 1986/1078, to which there are amendments not relevant to this Order;

- 3.** Subject as mentioned in articles 4, 5 and 7, no person shall, during the works period:
- (a) drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on the M4;
 - (b) cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the slip road;
 - (c) cause or permit any vehicle with an overall width exceeding 2.5 metres to enter or proceed in any lane other than the left hand lane or middle lane of the M4;
 - (d) cause or permit any vehicle with an overall width exceeding 3 metres to enter or proceed in any lane other than the left hand lane of the M4.
- 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 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.
- 5.** The provisions of article 3(b) shall not apply to a vehicle being used in connection with the said works or for traffic officer purposes.
- 6.** During the works period, regulation 5 and (insofar as it relates to a vehicle being driven) regulation 9 of the Regulations are hereby suspended, in respect of the hard shoulder, at such times and to such extent as shall from time to time be indicated by traffic signs.
- 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

31st December 2012

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