

2013 No. 1015

ROAD TRAFFIC

The M1 Motorway (Junctions 10 to 13) (Temporary Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2013

Made - - - - *18th March 2013*

Coming into force - - *25th March 2013*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M1 Motorway (“the M1”) and connecting roads, is satisfied that traffic on lengths of that motorway and on some of those connecting roads, in the Borough of Luton, Central Bedfordshire, Milton Keynes and the County of Hertfordshire, should be prohibited because works are proposed to be executed thereon; and whereas the Secretary of State for Transport in accordance with section 14(3) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(a) has had regard to the existence of alternative routes suitable for the traffic which will be affected by this Order:

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 Motorway Traffic (England and Wales) Regulations 1982(b) hereby makes the following Order:-

1. This Order may be cited as the M1 Motorway (Junctions 10 to 13) (Temporary Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2013 and shall come into force on 25th March 2013 and remain in force until 30th June 2013.

2. In this Order:

“the tip of the nosing” means, as indicated by the markings on the carriageway, the first point where an entry slip road joins, or the last point where an exit slip road leaves, the carriageway of the motorway;

“the first lengths of motorway” mean the northbound and southbound carriageways of the M1 between the tips of the nosing’s of the exit and entry slip roads at Junction 10, Junction 11 and Junction 13;

“the second lengths of motorway” mean the –

- (a) northbound carriageway of the M1 from the tip of the nosing of the exit slip road at Junction 10 to the tip of the nosing of the entry slip road at Junction 13, and
- (b) southbound carriageway of the M1 from the tip of the nosing of the entry slip road at Junction 10 to the tip of the nosing of the exit slip road at Junction 13;

(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.

“a slip road” means any of the slip roads leading to or from the northbound carriageway or the southbound carriageway of the M1 at Junctions 10, 11, 12 and 13;

“works” mean essential carriageway maintenance and remedial works to overhead gantries;

“the works period” means a period of up to 9 hours, between 22:00 hours and 07:00 hours, starting on Tuesday 2nd April 2013 and ending on Sunday 30th June 2013 when the works have been completed;

“the prohibition period” means periods overnight between 22:00 hours and 07:00 hours during a period starting on Tuesday 2nd April 2013 and ending on Sunday 30th June 2013 when the works have been completed;

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 article 5(a) no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any motor vehicle to enter or proceed in the first lengths of motorway or a slip road.

4. Subject as mentioned in article 5(b) no person shall, during the prohibition period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the second lengths of motorway.

5. The provisions of –

(a) 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 any vehicle being used in connection with the works or for winter maintenance purposes, or to any vehicle being used for police fire and rescue authority, ambulance or traffic officer services or anything done at the direction, or with the permission, of a constable, or a traffic officer in uniform, and

(b) article 4 shall apply only during closures when traffic will be controlled by traffic officers who will slow and then stop vehicles, for short periods until it is safe to allow vehicles to proceed, and will not apply to –

(i) any vehicle being used for police, fire and rescue authority or ambulance services, or

(ii) anything done at the direction, or with the permission, of a constable, or a traffic officer in uniform.

6. The provisions of Regulations 5 and (in so far as it relates to a vehicle being driven) 9 of the Motorways Traffic (England and Wales) Regulation 1982 are hereby suspended in relation to the hard shoulder adjacent to the second lengths of motorway, during a works period, at such times and to such extent as may be indicated by traffic signs; and in this article “hard shoulder” has the meaning given in regulation 3(1)(e) of those Regulations.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

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18th March 2013

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