

**2013 No. 859**

**ROAD TRAFFIC**

**The M55 Motorway (Junctions 3-4 Westbound Carriageway and  
Junction 3 Westbound Exit Slip Road) (Temporary Prohibition  
and Restriction of Traffic) Order 2013**

*Made* - - - - *6th February 2013*

*Coming into force* - - *21st February 2013*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M55 Motorway and its slip roads, is satisfied that traffic on a sections of that motorway and on one of those slip roads in the District of Fylde in the County of Lancashire should be prohibited and restricted 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 M55 Motorway (Junctions 3-4 Westbound Carriageway and Junction 3 Westbound Exit Slip Road) (Temporary Prohibition and Restriction of Traffic) Order 2013 and shall come into force on 21st February 2013.

2. In this Order:

“the motorway” means the M55 Motorway between Junctions 3 and 4;

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

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

“the first length of carriageway” means the westbound carriageway of the motorway from a point 650 metres east of the tip of the nosing of the exit slip road at Junction 3 to the tip of the nosing of the exit slip road at Junction 3;

“the second length of carriageway” means the westbound carriageway of the motorway from a point 600 metres east of the tip of the nosing of the exit slip road at Junction 3 to the tip of the nosing of the entry slip road at Junction 4;

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(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 slip road” means the exit slip road leading from the westbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 3;

“the works period” means the following periods;

- (i) over two nights between 2000 hours and 1000 hours starting on Friday 22 February 2013 and ending on Sunday 24 February 2013; and
- (ii) over two nights between 2000 hours and 1000 hours starting on Friday 1 March 2013 and ending on Sunday 3 March 2013.

However, works may start and continue between the same times on subsequent nights or continue overnight until completed, for such period not exceeding 18 months as shall be required to complete the work;

“works” means gantry sign replacement works on the motorway.

**3.** Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 6 of this Order, during the works period, no person shall cause or permit any motor vehicle to be driven in the first length of carriageway or the slip road at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour.

**4.** Subject as mentioned in article 5 of this Order, during the works period, no person shall cause or permit any motor vehicle to enter or proceed in the second length of carriageway.

**5.** The provisions of articles 3 and 4 of this Order 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 vehicle being used for emergency purposes by the police, fire and rescue authority or ambulance services or anything done at the direction, or with the permission, of a constable, or a traffic officer in uniform.

And nothing in article 4 of this Order shall apply to any vehicle being used in connection with the said works or by traffic officers.

**6.** 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(a) when used in accordance with regulation 3(5) of those Regulations.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

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