

2014 No. 1757

ROAD TRAFFIC

The A2 Trunk Road and the M25 and M20 Motorways (Dartford Heath Interchange, M25 Junctions 2 and M20 Junction 1) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2014

Made - - - - - *23rd June 2014*
Coming into force - - - - - *12th July 2014*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M25 and M20 Motorways and the A2 Trunk Road and connecting roads, is satisfied that traffic should be restricted and prohibited on a length of those motorways, trunk road and 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 A2 Trunk Road and the M25 and M20 Motorways (Dartford Heath Interchange, M25 Junctions 2 and M20 Junction 1) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2014 and shall come into force on 12th July 2014.

2. In this Order:

“the M25”, “the M20” and “the A2” mean, respectively, the M25 Motorway, the M20 Motorway and the A2 Trunk Road in the County of Kent;

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

“the first length of carriageway” means the clockwise carriageway of the M25 between points 1080 metres north and 1520 metres south of Andrews Wood Accommodation over-bridge;

“the second length of carriageway” means the clockwise carriageway the M25 between points 230 metres north and 1430 metres south of Andrews Wood Accommodation over-bridge;

“the third length of carriageway” means the eastbound carriageway of the A2 between the tip of the nosing of the ‘off’ slip road and the tip of the nosing of the ‘on’ slip road at Dartford Heath Interchange (A2018);

“the fourth length of carriageway” means the anti-clockwise carriageway of the M25 between the tip of the nosing of the ‘off’ slip road and the tip of the nosing of the ‘on’ slip road at Junction 2;

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

“a slip road” means –

(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.

- (i) the road leading from the eastbound carriageway of the A2 at Dartford Heath Interchange (A2018), or
- (ii) the road leading from the anti-clockwise carriageway of the M25 at Junction 2 (A2/A282);

“the link road” means the road leading from the westbound carriageway of the M20 at Junction 1 to the anti-clockwise carriageway of the M25 at Junction 3 (A20);

“works” mean resurfacing, retexturing, road marking, reinstallation of road studs and loops, inspections of road and structural assets and all associated works; and

“a works period” means a period of –

- (i) 7½ hours starting at 2200 hours on Monday 14th July 2014 or on any subsequent day other than a Friday, Saturday or Sunday,
- (ii) 7 hours starting at 2300 hours on Friday 18th July 2014 or on any subsequent Friday,
- (iii) 8 hours starting at 2200 hours on Saturday 19th July 2014 or on any subsequent Saturday, or
- (iv) 7 hours starting at 2230 hours on Sunday 20th July 2014 or on any subsequent Sunday

until 11th January 2016.

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

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

23rd June 2014

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(a) S.I. 2011/935.