

2014 No. 3481

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The M6 Motorway (Junctions 33-34 Northbound Carriageway)
(Temporary Prohibition and Restriction of Traffic) Order 2014**

Made - - - - *18th December 2014*
Coming into force - - *4th January 2015*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M6 Motorway, is satisfied that traffic on sections of that motorway in the District of Lancaster 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) 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 M6 Motorway (Junctions 33-34 Northbound Carriageway) (Temporary Prohibition and Restriction of Traffic) Order 2014 and shall come into force on 4th January 2015.
2. In this Order:

“the motorway” means the M6 Motorway between Junctions 33 and 34;

“the first length of carriageway” means the northbound carriageway of the motorway from a point 3700 metres south of the centreline of Stoney Lane underbridge to a point 2000 metres north of the centreline of the same underbridge;

“the second length of carriageway” means the northbound carriageway of the motorway from a point 2300 metres south of the centreline of Stoney Lane underbridge to a point 1650 metres south of the centreline of the same underbridge;

“hardshoulder” has the meaning given in regulation 3(1)(e) of the Motorways Traffic (England and Wales) Regulations 1982(b);

“the length of hardshoulder” means the hardshoulder adjacent to the second length of carriageway;

“the first works period” means periods overnight between 2000 hours and 0600 hours during a period starting on Monday 5th January 2015 and ending on Tuesday 31st March 2015. However, work 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;

(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.

“the second works period” means the following overnight periods:

- i. starting at 2000 hours on Monday 5th January 2015 and ending at 0600 hours on Tuesday 6th January 2015; and
- ii. starting at 2000 hours on Monday 30th March 2015 and ending at 0600 hours on Tuesday 31st March 2015.

However, work 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 bridge and associated works on the motorway.

3. Subject as mentioned in articles 6 and 7 of this Order, during the first works period, no person shall cause or permit any motor vehicle to be driven in the first length of carriageway or the length of hardshoulder at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour.

4. Subject as mentioned in article 6 of this Order, during the second 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 regulations 5 and (in so far as it relates to a vehicle being driven) 9 of the Motorways Traffic (England and Wales) Regulations 1982(a) are suspended in relation to the length of hardshoulder defined in article 2 of this Order at such times and to such extent as may be indicated by traffic signs; and in this article, “hardshoulder” has the meaning given in regulation 3(1)(e) of those Regulations.

6. 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, or to vehicles being used for winter maintenance purposes.

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(b) 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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(a) S.I. 1982/1163 amended by S.I. 1983/374, 1984/1479, 1992/1364.
(b) S.I. 2011/935