

2015 No. 1279

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The M40 Motorway (Junctions 6 to 9) (Temporary Prohibition
of Traffic) Order 2015**

Made - - - - 23rd February 2015

Coming into force - - 2nd March 2015

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M40 Motorway (“the M40”) and connecting roads, is satisfied that traffic on several lengths of that motorway and on some of those connecting roads, in the District of Wycombe in the County of Buckinghamshire and the Districts of South Oxfordshire and Cherwell in the County of Oxfordshire, 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), hereby makes the following Order:-

1. This Order may be cited as the M40 Motorway (Junctions 6 to 9) (Temporary Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2015 and shall come into force on Monday 2nd March 2015 and remain in force until Sunday 31st May 2015.

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 M40;

“the northbound Oxford Spur” means the northbound Oxford Spur Motorway, at Junction 8 of the M40, from its diverge point from the northbound carriageway of the M40 to its merge point with the entry slip road to the westbound carriageway of the A40 Trunk Road, including the A40 Trunk Road exit slip road to the A418;

“the southbound Oxford Spur” means the southbound Oxford Spur Motorway, at Junction 8 of the M40, from its diverge point with the exit slip road from the A418 to the eastbound carriageway of the A40 Trunk Road, to its merge point with the southbound carriageway of the M40, including the entry slip road from the A418;

“the motorway” means the southbound carriageway of the M40 between the tips of the nosings of the exit slip road and the entry slip road at Junction 9;

“a slip road” means the –

(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.

- (a) exit slip road from, and the entry slip road to, the northbound carriageway of the M40 at Junction 6,
- (b) exit slip road from, and the entry slip road to, the southbound carriageway of the M40 at Junction 6
- (c) exit slip road from the northbound carriageway of the M40 at Junction 7,
- (d) entry slip road to the southbound carriageway of the M40 at Junction 7,
- (e) exit slip road from, and the entry slip road to, the northbound carriageway of the M40 at Junction 8A,
- (f) exit slip road from, and the entry slip road to, the southbound carriageway of the M40 at Junction 8A,
- (g) exit slip road from, and the entry slip road to, the northbound carriageway of the M40 at Junction 9, and
- (h) exit slip road from, and the entry slip road to, the southbound carriageway of the M40 at Junction 9;

“works” mean routine annual maintenance works including carriageway patching repairs and sweeping, ditch and drainage cleaning, litter picking, tree and vegetation cutting, road marking renewal, lighting maintenance, motorway communications, defect repair, inspection of the assets including structures and safety fence repair works on both the main carriageway and connecting roads of the M40;

“the works period” means periods overnight between 22:00 hours and 06:00 hours (continuing to 07.00 hours on Saturday and Sunday mornings), during a period starting on Wednesday 4th March 2015 and ending on Sunday 31st May 2015 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 4 of this Order no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any motor vehicle to enter or proceed in the motorway, the northbound Oxford Spur, the southbound Oxford Spur or a slip road.

4. The provisions of article 3 shall not apply to a vehicle –

- (a) being used in connection with the works or for winter maintenance or traffic officer purposes,
- (b) being used for police, fire and rescue authority or ambulance purposes, or
- (c) proceeding at the direction, or with the permission, of a constable, or a traffic officer in uniform.

5. 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.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

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23rd February 2015

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