2011 No. 1529

ROAD TRAFFIC

The M5 Motorway (Junctions 14-16) (Almondsbury Interchange) (Temporary Prohibition and Restriction of Traffic) Order 2011

 Made
 15th June 2011

 Coming into force
 18th June 2011

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M5 Motorway ("the M5") and connecting roads, is satisfied that traffic on lengths of the M5 and some of those connecting roads at Almondsbury Interchange in South Gloucestershire 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) and (7) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(a), hereby makes the following Order:-

1. This Order may be cited as the M5 Motorway (Junctions 14-16) (Almondsbury Interchange) (Temporary Prohibition and Restriction of Traffic) Order 2011 and shall come into force on 18th June 2011.

2. In this Order –

"the first length of the M5" means both carriageways of the M5 between Junctions 14 and 16 from a point at the centre of Church Road Overbridge to a point at the centre of Junction 16;

"the second length of the M5" means (i) the southbound carriageway of the M5 from a point at the centre of Church Road Overbridge to the tip of the nosing of the southbound exit slip road (the 'C' loop) at Junction 15; and (ii) the northbound carriageway of the M5 from the tip of the nosing of the northbound entry slip road (the 'F' loop) at Junction 15 to a point at the centre of Church Road Overbridge;

"the slip roads" mean (i) the slip road leading from the M4 eastbound to the M5 northbound at Almondsbury Interchange (the 'F' loop) from the tip of the nosing with the M4 eastbound to M5 southbound slip road to the tip of the nosing of the M4 westbound to M5 northbound slip road; and (ii) the slip road leading from the M4 westbound to the M5 northbound at Almondsbury Interchange (the 'K' loop) from the tip of the nosing with the M4 westbound to M5 southbound slip road to the tip of the nosing with the M4 eastbound to M5 northbound slip road;

"the works" mean the provision of concrete barrier protection to bridge piers;

"tip of the nosing" means the last point where an exit slip road leaves the carriageway of a motorway or the first point where an entry slip road joins the carriageway of a motorway;

⁽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.

"overall width" has the meaning given in regulation 3(2) of the Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1986(a);

"the Regulations" means the Motorways Traffic (England and Wales) Regulations 1982(b);

"the 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 the M5;

"a works period" means a period of 8 hours starting at 22.00 hours on Monday 20th June 2011 or any subsequent day and ending when the said works have been completed;

"the works period" means the period starting at 00.01 hours on Monday 20th June 2011 and ending when the said 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 articles 6 and 7, no person shall, during a works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the slip roads.
- **4.** Subject as mentioned in articles 6 and 9, no person shall, during the works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on the first length of the M5, the slip roads and the hard shoulder.
- **5.** Subject as mentioned in article 6, no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle with an overall width exceeding 2.75 metres to enter or proceed in any lane other than the left hand lane or middle lane of the second length of the M5.
- **6.** The provisions of articles 3, 4 and 5 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) a vehicle being used for police, fire and rescue authority or ambulance purposes;
 - (b) anything done at the direction of, or with the permission of, a constable.
- **7.** The provisions of article 3 shall not apply to a vehicle being used in connection with the said works or for traffic officer purposes.
- **8**. During the works period, regulation 5 and (insofar as it relates to a vehicle being driven) regulation 9 of the Regulations are hereby suspended, in respect of the hard shoulder, at such times and to such extent as shall from time to time be indicated by traffic signs.
- **9**. 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 when used in accordance with regulation 3(5) of those Regulations.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

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in the Highways Agency

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⁽a) S.I. 1986 / 1078, to which there are amendments not relevant to this Order;

⁽b) S.I. 1982 / 1163, amended by S.I. 1983 / 374, 1984 / 1479 and 1992 /1364;