

2011 No. 877

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The M61 Motorway (Junctions 8-9 Northbound Carriageway)
(Temporary Prohibition and Restriction of Traffic) Order 2011**

Made - - - - *15th March 2011*

Coming into force - - *20th March 2011*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M61 Motorway, is satisfied that traffic on sections of that motorway in the Boroughs of South Ribble and Chorley 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) and (7) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(a) hereby makes the following Order:-

1. This Order may be cited as the M61 Motorway (Junctions 8-9 Northbound Carriageway) (Temporary Prohibition and Restriction of Traffic) Order 2011 and shall come into force on 20th March 2011.
2. In this Order:

“the motorway” means the M61 Motorway;

“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 northbound carriageway of the motorway from a point 15 metres north of the centreline of Hill Top overbridge to the tip of the nosing of the entry slip road at Junction 9;

“the second length of carriageway” means the northbound carriageway of the motorway from a point 15 metres north of the centreline of Hill Top overbridge to the point where the exit slip road at Junction 9 leaves the carriageway;

“the third length of carriageway” means the northbound carriageway of the motorway from a point 245 metres north of the centreline of Crostons Farm Footbridge to the tip of the nosing of the exit slip road at Junction 9;

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

(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.

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

“the works period” means a period overnight between 2200 hours and 0500 hours during a period starting on Monday 21 March 2011 and ending on Friday 1 April 2011. 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 resurfacing and maintenance works on the motorway.

3. Subject as mentioned in article 6 of this Order, during the works period, no person shall cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the first length of carriageway.

4. Subject as mentioned in article 6 of this Order, during the works period, no person shall cause or permit any vehicle to be driven in the third length of carriageway or the length of hardshoulder defined in article 2 of this Order at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour.

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 3 of this Order shall apply to any vehicle being used in connection with the said works or by traffic officers.

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.