

**2012 No. 291**

**ROAD TRAFFIC**

**The M4 Motorway (Junctions 18-19) (Temporary Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012**

*Made* - - - - *31st January 2012*

*Coming into force* - - *4th February 2012*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M4 Motorway (“the M4”) and connecting roads, is satisfied that traffic on a length of that road and two of those connecting roads between Junctions 18 and 19 in South Gloucestershire should be prohibited 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 M4 Motorway (Junctions 18-19) (Temporary Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012 and shall come into force on 4th February 2012.

2. In this Order –

“the M4” means (i) the westbound carriageway of the M4 between Junctions 18 and 19 from the tip of the nosing of the westbound exit slip road at Junction 18 to the tip of the nosing of the westbound entry slip road at Junction 19; and (ii) the eastbound carriageway of the M4 between Junctions 19 and 18 from the tip of the nosing of the eastbound exit slip road at Junction 19 to the tip of the nosing of the eastbound entry slip road at Junction 18;

“the slip roads” mean (i) the westbound entry slip road at M4 Junction 18; and (ii) the eastbound entry slip road at M4 Junction 19;

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

“the works” mean carriageway patching, surfacing, joint sealing, loop cutting and other routine maintenance and associated works;

“a works period” means a period of 10 hours starting at 20.00 hours on Monday 6th February 2012 or on any subsequent day 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 article 4, no person shall, during a works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the M4 and the slip roads.

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(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.

4. 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 and shall not apply to:

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

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

31st January 2012

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