2012 No. 369

ROAD TRAFFIC

The M6 Motorway (Junctions 9 to 11) and M54 Motorway (M6 to Junction 1) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012

Made - - - - 30th January 2012

Coming into force - - 6th February 2012

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M6 Motorway ("the M6"), the M54 Motorway ("the M54") and connecting roads, is satisfied that traffic on lengths of those motorways and some of those connecting roads, in the County of Staffordshire and the Metropolitan Borough of Walsall, should be restricted and 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) and (7) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(a), and of all other powers enabling her in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order: -

1. This Order may be cited as the M6 Motorway (Junctions 9 to 11) and M54 Motorway (M6 to Junction 1) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012 and shall come into force on 6th February 2012.

2. In this Order:

"the roundabout"

means the circulatory carriageway of the A461 roundabout junction at M6 Junction 9;

"the first length of motorway"

means -

- (a) the northbound carriageway of the M6 from a point 90 metres south of the roundabout to a point 40 metres north of the centreline of Bentley Lane overbridge; and
- (b) the southbound carriageway of the M6 from a point 680 metres north of the centreline of Bentley Lane overbridge to a point 400 metres north of the roundabout;

⁽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

"the second length of motorway"

means -

- (a) the northbound carriageway of the M6 from a point 18 metres north of the roundabout to a point 40 metres north of the centreline of Bentley Lane overbridge; and
- (b) the southbound carriageway of the M6 from a point 400 metres north of the centreline of Bentley Lane overbridge to 400 metres north of the roundabout;

"the third length of motorway"

means -

- (a) the northbound carriageway of the M6 from its junction with the exit slip road at Junction 9 to its junction with the entry slip road at Junction 11;
- (b) the southbound carriageway of the M6 from its junction with the exit slip road at Junction 11 to its junction with the entry slip road at Junction 9;
- (c) the westbound carriageway of the M54 from its junction with the northbound carriageway of the M6 at Junction 10a to its junction with the entry slip road at Junction 1; and
- (d) the eastbound carriageway of the M54 from its junction with the exit slip road at Junction 1 to its junction with the southbound carriageway of the M6 at Junction 10a;

"a slip road"

means -

- (a) the slip road leading to the northbound carriageway of the M6 at Junction 9:
- (b) the slip road leading from the southbound carriageway of the M6 at Junction 9;
- (c) any slip road leading to or from the northbound or southbound carriageway of the M6 at Junction 10;
- (d) the slip road leading from the northbound carriageway of the M6 at Junction 11;
- (e) the slip road leading to the southbound carriageway of the M6 at Junction 11;
- (f) the slip road leading from the eastbound carriageway of the M54 at Junction 1; and
- (g) the slip road leading to the westbound carriageway of the M54 at Junction 1;

"the Regulations"

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

"a 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 motorway;

"the works period"

means the period starting at 00:01 hours on Wednesday 8th February 2012 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 5 and 6, no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle to be driven at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on the first length of motorway.
- **4.** Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 6, no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the second length of motorway, the third length of motorway or a slip road.
- **5.** The provisions of articles 3 and 4 shall apply only during such times and to such extent as shall from time to time be indicated by traffic signs.
 - **6.** The provisions of
 - (a) articles 3 and 4 shall not apply to any vehicle
 - (i) being used for police, fire brigade or ambulance purposes; or
 - (ii) proceeding at the direction of, or with the permission of, a police constable;
 - (b) article 3 shall not apply to any vehicle being used for special forces purpose; and
 - (c) articles 4 shall not apply to any vehicle being used in connection with the said works or by, or at the direction of, a traffic officer in uniform.
- **7.** During the works period, regulations 5 and (in so far as it relates to a vehicle being driven) 9 of the Regulations, in respect of a hard shoulder, are hereby suspended at such times and to such extent as may from time to time be indicated by traffic signs.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

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30th January 2012