

**2012 No. 540**

**ROAD TRAFFIC**

**The A1(M) Motorway (Junction 63, Blind Lane Interchange)  
(Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012**

*Made* - - - 21st February 2012

*Coming into force* - 4th March 2012

WHEREAS, the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the A1(M) Motorway and connecting roads, in the County of Durham, is satisfied that traffic on one of those connecting roads should be restricted and prohibited because drainage repair 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), makes the following Order: -

1. This Order may be cited as the A1(M) Motorway (Junction 63, Blind Lane Interchange) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012 and shall come into force on 4th March 2012.

2. In this Order; –

“the slip road” means the A1(M) Motorway northbound entry slip road at Junction 63 (Blind Lane Interchange);

“the first works period” means the period starting at 00:01 hours on Monday 5th March 2012 and ending when the said works have been completed;

“the second works period” means a period of 10 hours starting at 20:00 hours on Monday 5th March 2012 or any subsequent night thereafter until 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 5 no person shall, during the first works period, cause or permit any vehicle to be driven at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour or 40 miles per hour in the slip road.

4. Subject as mentioned in article 5 no person shall, during the second works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the 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. Nothing in article 4 shall apply to:

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

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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.

and nothing in article 3 shall apply to any vehicle being used for a purpose specified in paragraph (a) of this article.

6. 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(a) when used in accordance with regulation 3(5) of those Regulations.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

21st February 2012

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