2013 No. 1989

ROAD TRAFFIC

The M55 Motorway (Junctions 4 to 3 Eastbound Carriageway and Junction 4 Eastbound Entry Slip Road) (Temporary Prohibition and Restriction of Traffic) Order 2013

Made	-	-	-	-	26th July 2013
Coming in	ito fo	orce	-	-	3rd August 2013

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M55 Motorway and slip roads, is satisfied that traffic on sections of that motorway and on one of those slip roads in the Borough of Blackpool and District of Fylde 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 M55 Motorway (Junctions 4 to 3 Eastbound Carriageway and Junction 4 Eastbound Entry Slip Road) (Temporary Prohibition and Restriction of Traffic) Order 2013 and shall come into force on 3rd August 2013.

2. In this Order:

"the motorway" means the M55 Motorway between Junctions 4 and 3;

"the slip road" means the entry slip road leading to the eastbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 4;

"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 eastbound carriageway of the motorway from the centreline of the eastern overbridge at Marton Circle roundabout (Junction 4) to a point 350 metres east of the centreline of the bridge over the railway line by that same junction;

"the second length of carriageway" means the eastbound carriageway of the motorway from the centreline of Marton Circle east overbridge (Junction 4) to the tip of the nosing of the entry slip road at Junction 4;

"the third length of carriageway" means the eastbound carriageway of the motorway from a point 200 metres of the tip of the nosing of the entry slip road at Junction 4 to a point 155 metres east of the centrepoint of the bridge over the railway line;

⁽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

"hardshoulder" has the meaning given in regulation 3(1)(e) of the Motorways Traffic (England and Wales) Regulations 1982(**a**);

"the length of hardshoulder" means the hardshoulder adjacent to the third length of carriageway;

"the works period" means a period starting at 2000 hours on Sunday 4 August 2013 and ending at 0600 hours on Monday 19 August 2013. Work may start and continue beyond these dates for such period not exceeding 18 months as shall be required to complete the work.

"works" means resurfacing works on the motorway;

3. Subject as mentioned in article 6 and 7 of this Order, during the works period, no person shall cause or permit any motor vehicle to be driven in the first length of carriageway, the length of harshoulder or the slip road at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour.

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

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 (**b**) 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 4 of this Order shall apply to any vehicle being used in connection with the said works or by traffic officers.

7. 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(c) when used in accordance with regulation 3 (5) of those Regulations.

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.

(b) (x) S. I. 1982/1163, as amended by S. I. 1983/374, 1984,1479, 1992/1364, 1995/158, 1996/3053, 2004/3258 and 2006/594 (c) S.I. 2011/935.