STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2013 No. 2015

ROAD TRAFFIC

The M53 Motorway (Junctions 4-3 Northbound and Southbound Carriageways and Slip Roads) (Temporary Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2013

Made - - - 6th August 2013

Coming into force - - 12th August 2013

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M53 Motorway and its slip roads, is satisfied that traffic on sections of that motorway and on four of those slip roads in District of Wirral in Merseyside 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 M53 Motorway (Junctions 4-3 Northbound and Southbound Carriageways and Slip Roads) (Temporary Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2013 and shall come into force on 12th August 2013.

2. In this Order:

"the motorway" means the M53 Motorway between Junctions 4 and 3;

"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 the tip of the nosing of the exit slip road at Junction 4 to the tip of the nosing of the entry slip road at Junction 3;

"the second length of carriageway" means the southbound carriageway of the motorway from the tip of the nosing of the exit slip road at Junction 3 to the tip of the nosing of the entry slip road at Junction 4;

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

⁽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 slip road" means the exit slip road leading from the northbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 3;

"the third slip road" means the entry slip road leading to the southbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 3;

"the fourth slip road" means the exit slip road leading from the southbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 4;

"the works periods" means periods over night between 2200 hours and 0500 hours during a period starting on Tuesday 13 August 2013 and ending on Thursday 22 August 2013.

However, works 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 replacement of overhead line conductor works by Scottish Power on the motorway;

- **3.** Subject as mentioned in article 4 of this Order, during the works period, no person shall cause or permit any motor vehicle to enter or proceed in the first and second lengths of carriageway or the first, second, third and fourth slip roads.
- **4.** The provisions of article 3 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.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

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