

**2013 No. 2690**

**ROAD TRAFFIC**

**The M56 Motorway (Junction 6-9 Eastbound and Westbound Carriageways and Slip Roads) (Temporary Prohibition and Restriction of Traffic) Order 2013**

*Made* - - - - *11th September 2013*

*Coming into force* - - *30th September 2013*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M56 Motorway and slip roads, is satisfied that traffic on sections of that motorway and on eight of those slip roads in the Districts of Manchester and Stockport in Greater Manchester 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) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(a) and regulation 16(2) of the Motorway Traffic (England and Wales) Regulations (b) hereby makes the following Order:-

1. This Order may be cited as the M56 Motorway (Junctions 6-9 Eastbound and Westbound Carriageways and Slip Roads) (Temporary Prohibition and Restriction of Traffic) Order 2013 and shall come into force on 30th September 2013.

2. In this Order:

“the motorway” means the M56 Motorway between Junctions 6 and 9;

“the first length of carriageway” means the eastbound carriageway of the motorway from a point 200 metres west of the centreline of Arley Lane overbridge to a point 200 metres west of the centreline of Bowdon View overbridge;

“the second length of carriageway” means the westbound carriageway of the motorway from a point 200 metres east of the centreline of Ashley Hall overbridge to a point 1000 metres east of the centreline of Swineyard Lane overbridge;

“the third length of carriageway” means the eastbound carriageway of the motorway from a point 800 metres east of Arley Lane overbridge to a point 50 metres east of Bowdon View overbridge;

“the fourth length of carriageway” means the westbound carriageway from a point 300 metres east of the centreline of Arley Hall overbridge to a point 1000 metres east of the centreline of Swineyard Lane overbridge;

“the first slip road” means the exit slip road leading from the eastbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 7;

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

“the second slip road” means the exit slip road leading from the eastbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 6;

“the third slip road” means the entry slip road leading to the westbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 6;

“the fourth slip road” means the exit slip road leading from the westbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 6;

“the fifth slip road” means the exit slip road leading from the westbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 7;

“the sixth slip road” means the entry slip road leading to the westbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 8;

“the seventh slip road” means the entry slip road leading to the eastbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 7;

“the eighth slip road” means the entry slip road leading to the eastbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 6;

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

“the first length of hardshoulder” means the hardshoulder adjacent to the first length of carriageway;

“the second length of hardshoulder” means the hardshoulder adjacent to the second length of carriageway;

“overall width” has the meaning given in regulation 3(2) of the Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1986 (b);

“the works period” means a period starting at 2200 hours on Tuesday 1 October 2013 and ending at 0500 hours on Friday 28 February 2014. However, 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, road restraint and general maintenance works on the motorway.

**3.** 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 (a) are suspended in relation to the first and second lengths 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.

**4.** Subject as mentioned in articles 7 and 8 of this Order, during the works period, no person shall cause or permit any motor vehicle to be driven in the first or second lengths of carriageway, or the first or second lengths of hardshoulder defined in article 2 of this Order at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour.

**5.** Subject as mentioned in article 7 of this Order, during the works period, no person shall cause or permit any motor vehicle with an overall width exceeding 1.95 metres (6 feet 6 inches) to enter or proceed in a lane of the first or second lengths of carriageway, as indicated by traffic signs.

**6.** Subject as mentioned in article 7 of this Order, during the works period, no person shall cause or permit any motor vehicle to enter or proceed in the third or fourth lengths of carriageway or the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth slip roads.

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(a) S.I. 1982/1163 amended by S.I. 1983/374, 1984/1479, 1992/1364.

(b) S.I. 1986/1078 to which there are amendments not relevant to this Order.

7. The provisions of articles 4, 5 and 6 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 articles 5 and 6 of this Order shall apply to any vehicle being used in connection with the said works, vehicles being used for winter maintenance purposes or by traffic officers.

8. 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 for Transport

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(a) S.I. 2011/935.