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ROAD TRAFFIC

The M6 Motorway (Junctions 32-31A Southbound Carriageway) and the M55 (Junction 1 Eastbound Carriageway and Link Roads to the M6 Northbound and Southbound) (Temporary Restriction of Traffic) Order 2013

Made - - - - 3rd January 2013

Coming into force - - 6th January 2013

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M6 Motorway and the M55 Motorway and its link roads is satisfied that traffic on sections of those motorways and link roads in the District of Preston in the County of Lancashire should be 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), hereby makes the following Order:-

1. This Order may be cited as the M6 Motorway (Junctions 32-31A Southbound Carriageway) and the M55 (Junction 1 Eastbound Carriageway and Link Roads to the M6 Northbound and Southbound) (Temporary Restriction of Traffic) Order 2012 and shall come into force on 6th January 2013.

2. In this Order:

"the motorways" means the M6 or M55 Motorways;

"the tip of the nosing of the exit slip road" means the last point where the slip road leaves the carriageway of the motorways;

"the first length of carriageway" means a section of the eastbound carriageway of the M55 Motorway from a point 1.2 kilometres west of the tip of the nosing of the exit slip road at Junction 1 to the first point where the M55 eastbound to M6 northbound link road merges with the northbound carriageway of the M6 Motorway;

"the second length of carriageway" means a section of the southbound carriageway of the M6 Motorway from the tip of the nosing of the exit slip road at Junction 32 to a point 200 metres south of the centreline of Fernyhalgh Lane Bridge;

⁽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 link road" means the link road leading from the eastbound carriageway of the M55 Motorway to the southbound carriageway of the M6 Motorway from the last point where it diverges from the M55 eastbound carriageway to the first point where it merges with the M6 southbound carriageway at Junction 32:

"the works period" means three nights between 2000 hours and 0600 hours starting on Monday 7 January 2013 and ending on Thursday 10 January 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 resurfacing and associated works on the M6 Motorway;

- **3.** Subject as mentioned in articles 4 and 5 of this Order, during the works period, no person shall cause or permit any motor vehicle to be driven in the first and second lengths of carriageway or the link road at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour.
- **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 of, or with the permission, of a constable, or a traffic officer in uniform.
- **5.** 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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