## STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

## 2014 No. 1224

## ROAD TRAFFIC

The M6 Motorway (Junctions 32-33 Northbound Carriageway) and M55 Eastbound Link Road to the M6 Northbound (Temporary Prohibition and Restriction of Traffic) Order 2014

 Made
 6th March 2014

 Coming into force
 20th March 2014

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M6 and M55 Motorways and link roads, is satisfied that traffic on sections of those motorways and on one of those link roads in the District of Preston 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 M6 Motorway (Junctions 32-33 Northbound Carriageway) and the M55 Eastbound Link Road to the M6 Northbound (Temporary Prohibition and Restriction of Traffic) Order 2014 and shall come into force on 20th March 2014.

## 2. In this Order:

"the motorway" means the M6 Motorway between Junctions 32 and 33;

"the tip of the nosing of the exit slip road" means the last point at which the slip road leaves the carriageway of the motorway;

"the tip of the nosing of the entry slip road" means the first point at which 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 32 to a point 500 metres northwest of the centreline of Whittingham Lane underbridge;

"the second length of carriageway" means the northbound carriageway of the motorway from the tip of the nosing of the exit slip road at Junction 32 to the tip of the nosing of the entry slip road at Junction 33;

<sup>(</sup>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 third length of carriageway" means the northbound carriageway of the motorway from the centreline of Bamford's Farm footbridge to a point 200 metres northwest of the centreline of Whittingham Lane underbridge;

"the link road" means the link road leading from the eastbound carriageway of the M55 Motorway to the northbound carriageway of the motorway;

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

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

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

"the first works period" means the following periods:

- i. starting at 2000 hours on Friday 21 March 2014 and ending at 0600 hours on Monday 24 March 2014; and
- ii. starting at 2000 hours on Friday 28 March 2014 and ending at 0600 hours on Monday 31 March 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.

"the second works period" means periods overnight between 2200 hours and 0400 hours during the following periods:

- i. starting on Sunday 23 March 2014 and ending on Monday 24 March 2014;
- ii. starting on Friday 28 March 2014 and ending on Saturday 29 March 2014; and
- iii. starting on Sunday 30 March 2014 and ending on Monday 31 March 2014. However, work 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

"the third works period" means periods overnight between 2200 hours and 0600 hours during the following periods:

- i. starting on Saturday 22 March 2014 and ending on Sunday 23 March 2014; and
- ii. starting on Saturday 29 March 2014 and ending on Sunday 30 March 2014. However, work 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.

"the fourth works period" means a period starting at 2000 hours on Friday 28 March 2014 and ending at 0600 hours on Monday 31 March 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 bridge deck waterproofing and routine maintenance works on the M6 and M55 Motorways;

**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 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.

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

<sup>(</sup>b) S.I. 1986/1079 to which there are amendments not relevant to this Order.

- **4.** Subject as mentioned in articles 9 and 10 of this Order, during the first works period, no person shall cause or permit any motor vehicle to be driven in the first length of carriageway at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour.
- **5.** Subject as mentioned in article 9 of this Order, during the first works period, no person shall cause or permit any motor vehicle to enter or proceed in the link road.
- **6.** Subject as mentioned in article 9 of this Order, during the second works period, no person shall cause any motor vehicle to enter or proceed in the second length of carriageway.
- 7. Subject as mentioned in article 9 of this Order, during the third works period, no person shall cause or permit any motor vehicle with an overall width exceeding 3 metres (9 feet 11 inches) to enter or proceed in a lane of the first length of carriageway, as indicated by traffic signs.
- **8.** Subject as mentioned in article 9 and 10 of this Order, during the fourth works period, no person should cause or permit any motor vehicle to be driven in the length of hardshoulder defined in article 2 of this Order at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour.
- **9.** The provisions of articles 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 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, 6 and 7 of this Order shall apply to any vehicle being used in connection with the said works or to vehicles being used for winter maintenance purposes or by traffic officers.

**10.** 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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