2014 No. 1984

ROAD TRAFFIC

The M6 Motorway (Junctions 18-21A Northbound and Southbound Carriageways and Slip Roads) and Knutsford Service Area (Temporary Prohibition and Restriction of Traffic)

Order 2014

 Made
 2nd July 2014

 Coming into force
 21st July 2014

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M6 Motorway and its slip roads, is satisfied that traffic on sections of that motorway and on nine of those slip roads in the Districts of Warrington, Cheshire East and Cheshire West and Chester in the County of Cheshire 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) & (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 18-21A Northbound and Southbound Carriageways and Slip Roads) and Knutsford Service Area (Temporary Prohibition and Restriction of Traffic) Order 2014 and shall come into force on 21st July 2014.

2. In this Order:

"the motorway" means the M6 Motorway between Junctions 18 and 21A;

"the first length of carriageway" means the northbound carriageway of the motorway from the centreline of the A5033 Northwich Road/Tabley Lane overbridge to a point 500 metres north of the centreline of Crowley Hall overbridge;

"the second length of carriageway" means the southbound carriageway of the motorway from a point 100 metres north of the centreline of the M6 Crowley Hall overbridge to a point 1800 metres south of the centreline of the M6 Sudlow Lane overbridge;

"the third length of carriageway" means the northbound carriageway of the motorway from a point 70 metres south of the centreline of the M6/A556 Manchester Road North overbridge to a point 300 metres north of the centreline of Crowley Hall overbridge;

⁽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 fourth length of carriageway" means the southbound carriageway of the motorway from a point 500 metres north of the centreline of the M6 Whitley Lane overbridge to a point 800 metres north of the centreline of the M6 Bucklow Farm overbridge;

"the first slip road" means the exit slip road leading from the northbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 19;

"the second slip road" means the entry slip road leading from the northbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 19;

"the third slip road" means the exit slip road leading from the southbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 19;

"the fourth slip road" means the entry slip road leading to the southbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 19;

"the fifth slip road" means the exit slip road leading from the northbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 21;

"the sixth slip road" means the entry slip road leading to the northbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 21;

"the seventh slip road" means the exit slip road leading from the southbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 20;

"the eighth slip road" means the exit slip road leading from the southbound carriageway of the motorway to Knutsford Service Area;

"the ninth slip road" means the entry slip road leading to the southbound carriageway of the motorway from Knutsford Service Area;

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

"the lengths of hardshoulder" means the hardshoulder adjacent to the third and fourth lengths of carriageway;

"the works period" means periods overnight between 2200 hours and 0500 hours (ending at 0700 hours on Saturday and Sunday mornings) during a period starting on Tuesday 22 July 2014 and ending on Friday 12 September 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;

"works" means resurfacing and associated works on the motorway.

- **3**. Subject as mentioned in articles 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 and second lengths of carriageway or the lengths of hardshoulder 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 third and fourth lengths of carriageway or the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth slip roads.
- **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(a) are suspended in relation to the 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.

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(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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