2014 No. 2243

ROAD TRAFFIC

The M54 Motorway (Junction 2) and A449 Trunk Road (Link Roads) (Temporary Restriction of Traffic) Order 2014

Made	-	-	-	-	4th August 2014
Coming i	into fo	rce	-	-	11th August 2014

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M54 Motorway ("the M54"), the A449 Trunk Road ("the A449") and connecting roads, is satisfied that traffic on some of those connecting roads, in the County of Staffordshire, should be restricted because of the likelihood of danger to the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 14 (1)(b) and 122A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(a), hereby makes the following Order:-

1. This Order may be cited as the M54 Motorway (Junction 2) and A449 Trunk Road (Link Roads) (Temporary Restriction of Traffic) Order 2014 and shall come into force on Monday 11th August 2014.

2. In this Order –

"a slip road"	 means – i) the slip road leading from the eastbound carriageway of the M54 to its junction with the first roundabout, and ii) the slip road leading to the westbound carriageway of the M54 from its junction with the second roundabout;
"the first roundabout"	means the circulatory carriageway at the roundabout junction of the M54 eastbound exit slip road (Junction 2), the first link road and the fourth link road;
"the second roundabout"	means the circulatory carriageway at the roundabout junction of the M54 westbound entry slip road (Junction 2), the second link road and the third link road;
"the third roundabout"	means the circulatory carriageway at the roundabout junction of the third link road, the fourth link road and the access road leading to the i54 Strategic Employment Area;
"the fourth roundabout"	means the circulatory carriageway at the roundabout junction of the A449 Stafford Road, the M54 eastbound entry slip road and

(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, and section 122A was inserted by the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 (c.22) Section 24.

	the M54 westbound exit slip road (Junction 2), the first link road and the second link road;
"the first link road"	means the A449 link road leading from the first roundabout to the fourth roundabout;
"the second link road"	means the A449 link road leading from the fourth roundabout to the second roundabout;
"the third link road"	means the two-way link road connecting the second roundabout with the third roundabout, and
"the fourth link road"	means the two-way link road connecting the first roundabout with the third roundabout,

and a reference to an article followed by a number is a reference to the article in this Order which bears that number.

3. Subject as mentioned in article 4, during the period starting at 20:00 hours on Monday 18th August 2014 and ending when the said likelihood of danger has been avoided by means other than this Order, no person shall drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding -

- i) 50 miles per hour on a slip road, or
- ii) 40 miles per hour on the first roundabout, the second roundabout, the third roundabout, the first link road, the second link road, the third link road or the fourth link road.

4. The provisions of article 3 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 any vehicle being used for police, fire brigade, ambulance or special forces purposes.

5. The M54 Motorway (Junction 1 to Junction 3) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2013(**a**) is hereby amended by –

i) deleting from article 2 –

"a slip road" means the slip roads leading to and from the eastbound and westbound carriageways of the M54 at Junction 2", and

- ii) inserting at article 2 -"a slip road" means –
 - a) the slip road leading to the eastbound carriageway of the M54 at Junction 2; and
 - b) the slip road leading from the westbound carriageway of the M54 at Junction 2.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

4th August 2014

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(a) S.I 2013/1122.