

2014 No. 2601

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The M61 Motorway (Junctions 9-6 Southbound Carriageway
and Slip Roads) (Temporary Prohibition and Restriction of
Traffic) Order 2014**

Made - - - - *18th September 2014*

Coming into force - - *9th October 2014*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M61 Motorway and its slip roads, is satisfied that traffic on sections of that motorway and on three of those slip roads in the District of Chorley 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) 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 M61 Motorway (Junctions 9-6 Southbound Carriageway and Slip Roads) (Temporary Prohibition and Restriction of Traffic) Order 2014 and shall come into force on 9th October 2014.

2. In this Order:

“the motorway” means the M61 Motorway between Junctions 9 and 6;

“the first length of carriageway” means the southbound carriageway of the motorway from a point 1050 metres north of the centreline of the Brindle Road overbridge at Junction 9 to a point 220 metres south of the centreline of Hut Lane overbridge;

“the second length of carriageway” means the southbound carriageway of the motorway from a point 200 metres south of the centreline of the Brindle Road overbridge to a point 20 metres north of the centreline of the Hut Lane overbridge;

“the first slip road” means the entry slip road leading to the southbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 9;

“the second slip road” means the exit slip road leading from the southbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 8;

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

(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.

“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 second length of carriageway;

“the works period” means periods overnight between 2200 hours and 0500 hours during a period starting on Friday 10th October 2014 and ending on Friday 31st October 2014. 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 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 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.

4. 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 length of carriageway or the length of hardshoulder defined in article 2 of this Order at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour.

5. 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 second length of carriageway or the first, second and third slip roads.

6. The provisions of articles 4 and 5 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 5 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.

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(b) 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. 1982/1163 amended by S.I. 1983/374, 1984/1479, 1992/1364.
(b) S.I. 2011/935.