

2014 No. 2870

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The A1(M) Motorway (Junction 61 to Junction 64) (Temporary
Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2014**

Made - - - - *16th October 2014*

Coming into force - - - *28th October 2014*

WHEREAS, the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the A1(M) Motorway and connecting roads, in the County of Durham, is satisfied that traffic on that motorway and some of those connecting roads should be restricted and prohibited because bridge repairs and other routine maintenance 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) and regulations 16(2) of the Motorways Traffic (England and Wales) Regulations 1982(b), makes the following Order:

1. This Order may be cited as the A1(M) Motorway (Junction 61 to Junction 64) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2014 and shall come into force on 28th October 2014.

2. In this Order: –

“the A1(M)” means the A1(M) Motorway;

“the first length of carriageway” means the A1(M) northbound carriageway from a point 290 metres north of the centre point of Cocken Road overbridge to a point 420 metres north of the centre point of Blind Lane Interchange northern overbridge, a distance of 6820 metres;

“the second length of carriageway” means the A1(M) southbound carriageway from a point 885 metres north of the centre point of Blind Lane Interchange northern overbridge to a point 5320 metres south of the centre point of Blind Lane Interchange northern overbridge, a distance of 6205 metres;

“the third length of carriageway” means the A1(M) northbound carriageway from the nose of the exit slip road at Junction 61 (Bowburn) to the nose of the entry slip road at Junction 63 (Blind Lane), a distance of 17630 metres;

“the fourth length of carriageway” means the A1(M) southbound carriageway from a point 1750 metres north of Blind Lane Interchange northern overbridge to the nose of the entry slip road at Junction 62, a distance of 11390 metres;

“the fifth length of carriageway” means the A1(M) northbound and southbound carriageways from a point 1500 metres north of the centre point of Cocken Road overbridge to a point 470 metres south of the centre point of Blind Lane Interchange southern overbridge, a distance of 4600 metres;

“the sixth length of carriageway” and “the seventh length of carriageway” means, respectively, the A1(M) northbound and southbound carriageways from a point 1950 metres north of the centre point of Cocken Road overbridge to a point 550 metres south of the centre point of Blind Lane Interchange southern overbridge, a distance of 3650 metres;

“the eighth length of carriageway” means the A1(M) northbound carriageway from a point 1340 metres north of the centre point of Cocken Road overbridge to a point 5840 metres north of the centre point of Cocken Road overbridge, a distance of 4500 metres;

(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, amended by S.I. 1983/374, 1984/1479, 1992/1364, 1995/158, 1996/3053, 2004/3168, 2004/3258 and 2006/594.

“the ninth length of carriageway” means the A1(M) southbound carriageway from a point 830 metres south of the centre point of Blind Lane Interchange southern overbridge to a point 5600 metres south of Blind Lane Interchange southern overbridge, a distance of 4770 metres;

“a slip road” means any of the following A1(M) slip roads:

- (i) the southbound entry slip road at Junction 63;
- (ii) the northbound exit slip road at Junction 63;
- (iii) the northbound entry slip road at Junction 62; or
- (iv) the northbound entry slip road at Junction 61;

“overall width” has the meaning given in regulation 3(2) of the Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1986(a);

“operating weight” shall be calculated as provided in Section 138 of the Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984;

“the first works period” means the period starting at 20:00 hours on Wednesday 29th October 2014 and ending when the said works have been completed;

“the second works period” means a period of 10 hours starting at 20:00 hours on Wednesday 29th October 2014 and any subsequent night thereafter until the said works have been completed;

“the third works period” means a period of 14 hours starting at 06:00 hours on Thursday 30th October 2014 and any subsequent day thereafter until the said works have been completed;

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 articles 5 and 8 no person shall, during the first works period, cause or permit any vehicle to be driven at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour or 40 miles per hour in the first length of carriageway, the second length of carriageway or a slip road.

4. Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 8 no person shall, during the second works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the third length of carriageway, the fourth length of carriageway or a slip road.

5. The provisions of articles 3, 4, 6, and 7 shall apply only during such times and to such extent as shall from time to time be indicated by traffic signs.

6. (1) During such times, as pursuant to article 5, movement of traffic is prohibited in one or more lanes of the sixth length of carriageway but is not prohibited in the seventh length of carriageway, no person shall cause or permit any vehicle to:

- (a) enter or proceed in the offside lane of the seventh length of carriageway in any direction other than northwards,
- (b) overtake a moving vehicle in the seventh length of carriageway, or
- (c) make a u-turn in the seventh length of carriageway.

(2) During such times, as pursuant to article 5, movement of traffic is prohibited in one or more lanes of the seventh length of carriageway but is not prohibited in the sixth length of carriageway, no person shall cause or permit any vehicle to:

- (a) enter or proceed in the offside lane of the sixth length of carriageway in any direction other than southwards,
- (b) overtake a moving vehicle in the sixth length of carriageway, or
- (c) make a u-turn in the sixth length of carriageway.

(3) When, pursuant to article 5, movement of traffic is prohibited in one or more lanes of a length of one carriageway but is not prohibited in the corresponding length of the other carriageway, the provision of this article with respect to that other carriageway shall apply to that length of that carriageway.

7. Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 8 no person shall, during the third works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in any specified lanes of the eighth length of carriageway or the ninth length of carriageway as indicated by traffic signs:

- (i) with an overall width exceeding 6’6’’;

(a) S.I. 1986/1078, to which there are amendments not relevant to this Order.

- (ii) with an overall width exceeding 9'10''; or
- (iii) with an operating weight exceeding 7.5 Tonnes.

8. Nothing in articles 4, 6, and 7 shall apply to:

- (a) a vehicle being used for police, fire and rescue authority or ambulance purposes;
- (b) a vehicle being used for, or in connection with, the said works, or for winter maintenance or traffic officer purposes; or
- (c) anything done at the direction of, or with the permission of, a constable or traffic officer in uniform;

and nothing in article 3 shall apply to any vehicle being used for a purpose specified in paragraph (a) of this article.

9. 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.

10. 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 are suspended in relation to the hard shoulders adjacent to the fifth length of carriageway as described in article 2 at such times and to such extent as may, from time to time, be indicated by traffic signs; and in this article "hard shoulder" has the meaning given in regulation 3(1)(e) of those Regulations.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

16th October 2014

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(a) S.I. 2011/935.