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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2020 No. 854**

**ROAD TRAFFIC**

**The M48 Motorway (Severn Bridge Half Marathon)  
(Temporary Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2020**

*Made* - - - - 12th August 2020

*Coming into force* - - 25th August 2020

The Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M48 Motorway (“the M48”) and connecting roads, is satisfied that traffic on lengths of that motorway in South Gloucestershire, the County of Gloucestershire and the County of Monmouthshire should be prohibited for the purpose of facilitating the holding of a relevant event.

The Secretary of State is further satisfied that it is not reasonably practicable for the event to be held otherwise than on a road.

The Secretary of State for Transport, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 16A(2)(a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(1), hereby makes the following Order:-

1. This Order may be cited as the M48 Motorway (Severn Bridge Half Marathon) (Temporary Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2020 and shall come into force on 25th August 2020.

2. In this Order:-

“the M48” means (i) the westbound carriageway of the M48 over the Severn Bridge from the tip of the nosing of the westbound exit slip road at Junction 1 to the tip of the nosing of the westbound entry slip road at Junction 2; and (ii) the eastbound carriageway of the M48 over the Severn Bridge from the tip of the nosing of the eastbound exit slip road at Junction 2 to the tip of the nosing of the eastbound entry slip road at Junction 1;

“the slip roads” mean (i) the eastbound entry slip road at M48 Junction 2; and (ii) the westbound entry slip road at M48 Junction 1;

“the tip of the nosing” means the first point where an entry slip road joins the carriageway of a motorway or the last point where an exit slip road leaves the carriageway of a motorway;

“event” means the Severn Bridge Half Marathon; and

“the event period” means a period of 4.5 hours starting at 07.30 hours on Sunday 30th August 2020 and at that time on any subsequent Sunday up to and including Sunday 27th September 2020;

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(1) 1984 c.27; Section 16A was inserted by the Road Traffic (Special Events) Act 1994 (c.11), section 1(1). There are further amendments to the section that are not relevant to this Order.

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3. Subject to article 4, no person shall, during the event period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed on the M48 and the slip roads.

4. 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:-

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

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

12th August 2020

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Transport

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order authorises the temporary prohibition of traffic on the M48 Motorway (Severn Bridge) on the 30th August 2020 or any subsequent Sunday up to and including 27th September 2020 to facilitate the holding of the Severn Bridge Half Marathon.