

**2012 No. 1973**

**ROAD TRAFFIC**

**The M61 Motorway (Junctions 3-6 Northbound and Southbound  
Carriageways and Slip Roads) (Temporary Prohibition and  
Restriction of Traffic) Order 2012**

*Made* - - - - *18th July 2012*

*Coming into force* - - *5th August 2012*

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 six of those slip roads in the Districts of Salford and Bolton in Greater Manchester 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) hereby makes the following Order:-

1. This Order may be cited as the M61 Motorway (Junctions 3-6 Northbound and Southbound Carriageways and Slip Roads) (Temporary Prohibition and Restriction of Traffic) Order 2012 and shall come into force on 5th August 2012.

2. In this Order:

“the motorway” means the M61 Motorway between Junctions 3 and 6;

“the first length of carriageway” means the northbound carriageway of the motorway from a point 200 metres south of the centreline of Spa Lane footbridge to a point 700 metres north of the centreline of St Helens Road overbridge;

“the second length of carriageway” means the southbound carriageway of the motorway from a point 400 metres south of the centreline of Chew Moor Lane underbridge to the centreline of Bulloughs Farm New footbridge;

“the third length of carriageway” means the northbound carriageway of the motorway from a point 200 metres north of the centreline of Bulloughs Farm New footbridge to a point 500 metres north of the centreline of St Helens Road overbridge;

“the fourth length of carriageway” means the southbound carriageway of the motorway from a point 700 metres north of the centreline of St Helens Road overbridge to a point 200 metres north of the centreline of Bulloughs Farm New footbridge;

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(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 first slip road” means the exit slip road leading from the northbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 4;

“the second slip road” means the entry slip road leading to the northbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 4;

“the third slip road” means the exit slip road leading from the southbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 4;

“the fourth slip road” means the entry slip road leading to the southbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 4;

“the fifth slip road” means the exit slip road leading from the southbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 5;

“the sixth slip road” means the entry slip road leading to the southbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 5;

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

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

“the first length of hardshoulder” means the hardshoulder adjacent to the third length of carriageway;

“the second length of hardshoulder” means the hardshoulder adjacent to the fourth length of carriageway;

“the first works period” means a period starting at 2200 hours on Monday 6 August 2012 and ending at 0500 hours on Friday 28 September 2012. However, work may start and continue beyond these dates for such period not exceeding 18 months as shall be required to complete the work;

“the second works period” means twenty-eight nights between 2200 hours and 0500 hours (continuing to 0700 hours on Saturday and Sunday mornings) during a period starting on Monday 6 August 2012 and ending on Friday 28 September 2012. 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;

“the third works period” means periods overnight between 2200 hours and 0500 hours (continuing to 0700 hours on Saturday and Sunday mornings) during a period starting on Monday 6 August 2012 and ending on Friday 28 September 2012. 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 verge and central reserve barrier 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 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.

**4.** Subject as mentioned in articles 8 and 9 of this Order, during the first works period, no person shall cause or permit any motor vehicle to be driven in the first and second lengths of carriageway, the first, second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth slip roads or the lengths of hardshoulder defined in article 2 of this Order at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour.

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

(b) s.1 1986/1078 to which there are amendments not relevant to this Order.

**5.** Subject as mentioned in article 8 of this Order no person shall, during the first works period, cause or permit any motor vehicle with an overall width exceeding 1.95 metres (6 feet 6 inches) to enter or proceed in a lane of the third and fourth lengths of carriageway, as indicated by traffic signs.

**6.** Subject as mentioned in article 8 of this Order, during the second works period, no person shall cause or permit any motor vehicle to enter or proceed in the third and fourth lengths of carriageway.

**7.** Subject as mentioned in article 8 of this Order, during the third works period, no person shall cause or permit any motor vehicle to enter or proceed in the first, second, third and fourth slip roads.

**8.** The provisions of articles 4, 5, 6 and 7 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 articles 5, 6 and 7 of this Order shall apply to any vehicle being used in connection with the said works or by traffic officers.

**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.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

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