

2011 No. 2488

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The M4 Motorway (Junctions 17 - 18) (Temporary Restriction
of Traffic) Order 2011**

Made - - - - *4th October 2011*

Coming into force - - *8th October 2011*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M4 Motorway (“the M4”), is satisfied that traffic on that road between Junctions 17 and 18 in Wiltshire should be prohibited and restricted because works are proposed to be executed nearby:

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 M4 Motorway (Junctions 17 - 18) (Temporary Restriction of Traffic) Order 2011 and shall come into force on 8th October 2011.

2. In this Order –

“the M4” means the westbound carriageway of the M4 Motorway between Junctions 17 and 18 from the centre of Littleton Drew Overbridge (the B4039) and the centre of Acton Turnville Bridge;

“the hard shoulder” means the hard shoulder within the meaning of regulation 3(1)(e) of the Regulations which is adjacent to the M4;

“the Regulations” means the Motorways Traffic (England and Wales) Regulations 1982(b)

“the works” mean loop cutting works;

“a works period” means a period of 10 hours starting at 20.00 hours on Tuesday 11 October 2011 or on any subsequent day and ending when 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 4, 5 and 6, no person shall, during a works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour in the M4 or the hard shoulder.

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:

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

(a) a vehicle being used for police, fire and rescue authority or ambulance purposes;

(b) anything done at the direction of, or with the permission of, a constable.

5. During the works period, regulation 5 and (insofar as it relates to a vehicle being driven) regulation 9 of the Regulations are hereby suspended, in respect of the hard shoulder, at such times and to such extent as shall from time to time be indicated by traffic signs.

6. 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 when used in accordance with regulation 3(5) of those Regulations.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

4th October 2011

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