

2011 No. 2496

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The M4 Motorway (Junctions 20-21) and M48 Motorway
(Temporary Restriction of Traffic) Order 2011**

Made - - - - *5th 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”) and M48 Motorway (“the M48”), is satisfied that traffic on lengths of those roads in South Gloucestershire should be 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 M4 Motorway (Junctions 20-21) and M48 Motorway (Temporary Restriction of Traffic) Order 2011 and shall come into force on 8th October 2011.

2. In this Order –

“the M4” means (i) the westbound carriageway of the M4 from a point at the centre of Trench Lane Overbridge to a point at the centre of Hardy Lane Overbridge; (ii) the eastbound carriageway of the M4 from a point at the centre of Greenditch Street Overbridge to a point 700 metres west of the centre of the M4/M5 Almondsbury interchange;

“the M48” means the eastbound carriageway of the M48 from a point at the centre of Catherine Hill Overbridge to its junction with the M4;

“the hard shoulder” means the hard shoulder within the meaning of regulation 3(1)(e) of the Regulations which is adjacent to the M4 and the M48;

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

“the works” mean drainage repairs;

“the works period” means the period starting at 00.01 hours on Monday 10th 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 and 5, no person shall, during the works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on the M4, the M48 and 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) S.I. 1982 / 1163, amended by S.I. 1983 / 374, 1984 / 1479 and 1992 / 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. 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.

6. During a 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.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

5th October 2011

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