

2011 No. 2612

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The M20 Motorway (Junctions 3 - 8) (Temporary Restriction
and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2011**

Made - - - - - *24th October 2011*

Coming into force - - - - - *12th November 2011*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M20 Motorway and connecting roads, is satisfied that traffic should be restricted and prohibited on lengths of that motorway and on some of those connecting roads 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 M20 Motorway (Junctions 3 - 8) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2011 and shall come into force on 12th November 2011.

2. In this Order:

“the motorway” means the M20 Motorway in the County of Kent;

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

“a first length of carriageway” means –

- (i) both carriageways of the motorway between points 1500 metres west and 1500 metres east of the centreline of Junction 4 (A228 – Leybourne By-Pass) at Lunsford,
- (ii) the coastbound carriageway of the motorway between points 200 metres west of Trottiscliffe Road overbridge east of Junction 3 (M26) and 475 metres east of Hockers Lane overbridge east of Junction 7 (A249 – Sittingbourne Road),
- (iii) the Londonbound carriageway of the motorway between points 200 metres east of Hollingbourne Interchange at Junction 8 (A20 – Ashford Road) and 200 metres east of Thurnham Lane underbridge west of Junction 8 (A20), or
- (iv) the Londonbound carriageway of the motorway between points 1300 metres east of Eyhorne Street overbridge east of Junction 8 (A20 – Ashford Road) and 925 metres west of the tip of the nosing of the Londonbound entry slip road at Junction 8 (A20);

“the tip of the nosing” means the first point where the Londonbound entry slip road joins the Londonbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 8 (A20 – Ashford Road);

(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, 2004/3258.

“a hard shoulder” means the hard shoulder, within the meaning of regulation 3(1)(e) of the Regulations, which is adjacent to a second length of carriageway;

“a second length of carriageway” means –

- (i) the coastbound carriageway of the motorway between points 570 metres east of Roughetts Road overbridge and 325 metres west of Birling Road overbridge west of Junction 4 (A228 – Leybourne By-Pass),
- (ii) the coastbound carriageway of the motorway between points 355 metres east of Lunsford Lane overbridge and 700 metres west of Station Road overbridge east of Junction 4 (A228 – Leybourne By-Pass), or
- (iii) the Londonbound carriageway of the motorway between points 820 metres east of Water Lane underbridge and 200 metres east of Thurnham Lane underbridge west of Junction 8 (A20 – Ashford Road);

“the length of Londonbound carriageway” means the Londonbound carriageway of the motorway between the slip road leading to the A20 (Ashford Road) at Junction 8 and the slip road leading from the A20 at that junction;

“a slip road” means any road leading from the A228 (Leybourne By-Pass) to the coastbound carriageway or the Londonbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 4 at Lunsford;

“works” mean resurfacing work on the motorway; and

“a works period” means a period of 10 hours starting at 2000 hours on Monday 14th November 2011 or on any subsequent day until 11th May 2013.

3. Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 6 below, no person shall, during a works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the length of Londonbound carriageway or a slip road.

4. Subject as mentioned in articles 5, 6 and 7 below, no person shall, during a works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on a first length of carriageway or a hard shoulder.

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

6. (1) Nothing in article 3 above shall apply to -

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

(2) Nothing in article 4 above shall apply to a vehicle being used for police, ambulance or fire and rescue authority purposes and 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.

7. During a works period, the provisions of regulations 5 and (insofar as it relates to a vehicle being driven) 9 of the Regulations are hereby suspended, in respect of a 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 for Transport

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24th October 2011

(a) S.I. 2011/935.