

2011 No. 2621

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The M55 Motorway (Junction 4 Eastbound and Westbound
Carriageways) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of
Traffic) Order 2011**

Made - - - - - *19th October 2011*

Coming into force - - - *5th November 2011*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M55 Motorway and is satisfied that traffic on sections of that motorway in the District of Fylde, in the County of Lancashire 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 M55 Motorway (Junction 4 Eastbound and Westbound Carriageways) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2011 and shall come into force on 5th November 2011.

2. In this Order:

“the motorway” means the M55 Motorway;

“the first length of carriageway” means a section of the eastbound carriageway of the motorway from the eastern parapet of the Junction 4 eastern bridge to a point 1800 metres east of the eastern parapet of the bridge;

“the second length of carriageway” means a section of the westbound carriageway of the motorway from a point 2800 metres east of the eastern parapet of the Junction 4 eastern bridge to the eastern parapet of the bridge;

“the third length of carriageway” means a section of the eastbound carriageway of the motorway from the eastern parapet of the Junction 4 eastern bridge to a point 300 metres east of the eastern parapet of the bridge;

“the fourth length of carriageway” means a section of the eastbound carriageway of the motorway from the eastern parapet of the Junction 4 eastern bridge to a point 220 metres east of the eastern parapet of the bridge;

(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 fifth length of carriageway” means a section of the westbound carriageway of the motorway from a point 320 metres east of the eastern parapet of the Junction 4 eastern bridge to the eastern parapet of the bridge;

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

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

“works” means central reserve surfacing, safety fence and road lighting works on the motorway;

“the first works period” means a period starting at 0001 hours on Sunday 6 November 2011 and ending at 0600 hours on Friday 23 December 2011. However, works 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 five nights between 2000 hours and 0600 hours during a period starting on Sunday 6 November 2011 and ending on Friday 23 December 2011. 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.

3. Subject as mentioned in articles 6 and 7 of this Order no person shall, during the first works period, cause or permit any vehicle to be driven at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour in the first or second lengths of carriageway or the length of hardshoulder.

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

5. 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 are suspended in relation to the length 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.

6. The provisions of articles 3 and 4 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 any vehicle being used for emergency purposes by the police, fire and rescue authority or ambulance services or to anything done at the direction of a police constable, or traffic officer, in uniform.

Nothing in article 4 of this Order shall apply to vehicles being used in connection with the said works, or by traffic officers.

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

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

(b) S.I. 2011/935.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

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