

**2011 No. 913**

**ROAD TRAFFIC**

**The M1 Motorway (Junctions 16 – 18, Northamptonshire)  
(Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2011**

*Made* - - - - 15th March 2011

*Coming into force* - - 22nd March 2011

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M1 Motorway (“the M1”) and connecting roads, is satisfied that traffic on lengths of that motorway and two of those connecting roads in the County of Northamptonshire should be restricted and prohibited 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), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:-

1. This Order may be cited as the M1 Motorway (Junctions 16 – 18, Northamptonshire) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2011 and shall come into force on 22nd March 2011.

2. In this Order –

“the motorway”

means the northbound carriageway of the M1–

- (i) from a point 100 metres south of its junction with the entry slip road at Junction 16 for a distance of 2450 metres;
- (ii) from a point 1450 metres south of its junction with the slip road leading to Watford Gap Service Area for a distance of 2250 metres; and
- (iii) from a point 1350 metres south of its junction with the link road leading to the M45 at Junction 17 for a distance of 3000 metres;

“a slip road”

means the slip roads leading to the northbound carriageway of the M1 –

- (i) from Watford Gap Service Area, south of Junction 17; and
- (ii) at Junction 16;

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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 Regulations”	means the Motorways Traffic (England and Wales) Regulations 1982(a);
“a hard shoulder”	means the hard shoulder, within the meaning of Regulation 3(1)(e) of the Regulations, which is adjacent to the motorway;
"the works period"	means the period starting at 2200 hours on Tuesday 29th March 2011 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 5 and 6, no person shall, during the works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour in the motorway or a slip road.

4. Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 6, no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the motorway.

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

6. The provisions of articles 3 and 4 shall not apply to any vehicle –

(a) being used for police, fire brigade or ambulance purposes; or

(b) proceeding at the direction of, or with the permission of, a police constable;

and nothing in article 4 shall apply to any vehicle being used for or in connection with the said works or by a traffic officer in uniform.

7. During the works period, regulations 5 and (in so far 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 may from time to time be indicated by traffic signs.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

15th March 2011

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