

2012 No. 1011

ROAD TRAFFIC

The M2 Motorway and the A2 Trunk Road (Junctions 1 – 4, Slip Roads) (Temporary Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012

Made - - - - - *26th March 2012*

Coming into force - - - - - *16th April 2012*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M2 Motorway, the A2 Trunk Road and connecting roads, is satisfied that traffic should be prohibited 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) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(a), hereby makes the following Order:-

1. This Order may be cited as the M2 Motorway and the A2 Trunk Road (Junctions 1 – 4, Slip Roads) (Temporary Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012 and shall come into force on 16th April 2012 and shall apply for a period of twelve months.

2. In this Order:

“the M2” and “the A2” mean, respectively, the M2 Motorway and the A2 Trunk Road in the County of Kent;

“a slip road” means –

- (a) at Junction 1 near Strood –
 - (i) the road leading from the coastbound carriageway of the A2 to the A289 and to Watling Street (A2),
 - (ii) the road leading from the A289 to the coastbound carriageway of the M2,
 - (iii) the road leading from the Londonbound carriageway of the M2 to the A289, or
 - (iv) the road leading from the A289 and from Watling Street (A2) to the Londonbound carriageway of the A2;
- (b) at Junction 2 near Rochester -
 - (i) the road leading from the coastbound carriageway of the M2 to the A228,
 - (ii) the road leading from the A228 to the coastbound carriageway of the M2,
 - (iii) the road leading from the Londonbound carriageway of the M2 to the A228, or
 - (iv) the road leading from the A228 to the Londonbound carriageway of the M2;

(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.

- (c) at Junction 3 at Bluebell Hill south of Chatham–
 - (i) the road leading from the coastbound carriageway of the M2 to the A229,
 - (ii) the road leading from the A229 to the coastbound carriageway of the M2,
 - (iii) the road leading from the Londonbound carriageway of the M2 to the A229, or
 - (iv) the road leading from the A229 to the Londonbound carriageway of the M2;
- (d) at Junction 4 near Gillingham –
 - (i) the road leading from the coastbound carriageway of the M2 to the A278,
 - (ii) the road leading from the A278 to the coastbound carriageway of the M2,
 - (iii) the road leading from the Londonbound carriageway of the M2 to the A278, or
 - (iv) the road leading from the A278 to the Londonbound carriageway of the M2;

“works” mean cyclic maintenance and/or urgent repair work on the M2 and the A2; and

“a works period” means a period of 9 hours starting at 2000 hours on Monday 16th April 2012 or on any subsequent day until Monday 15th April 2013.

3. Subject as mentioned in article 4 below, no person shall, during a works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in a slip road.

4. The provisions of article 3 above shall apply only at such times and to such extent as shall from time to time be indicated by traffic signs, and shall not apply to -

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

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

26th March 2012

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