

**2012 No. 1163**

**ROAD TRAFFIC**

**The M6 Motorway (Junctions 18-19 Northbound and Southbound Carriageways) (Temporary Prohibition and Restriction of Traffic) Order 2012**

*Made* - - - -

*17th April 2012*

*Coming into force* - -

*25th April 2012*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M6 Motorway is satisfied that traffic on sections of that motorway in Cheshire East 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 M6 Motorway (Junctions 18-19 Northbound and Southbound Carriageways) (Temporary Prohibition and Restriction of Traffic) Order 2012 and shall come into force on 25th April 2012.

2. In this Order:

“the motorway” means the M6 Motorway between Junctions 18 and 19;

“the first length of carriageway” means the northbound carriageway of the motorway from a point 1.9 kilometres south of the centreline of the Plumley to Knutsford railway bridge to a point 0.5 kilometres north of the centreline of the Plumley to Knutsford railway bridge;

“the second length of carriageway” means the southbound carriageway of the motorway from a point 1.9 kilometres north of the centreline of the Plumley to Knutsford railway bridge to a point 0.5 kilometres south of the centreline of the Plumley to Knutsford railway bridge;

“the third length of carriageway” means the northbound carriageway of the motorway from a point 1.1 kilometres south of the centreline of the Plumley to Knutsford railway bridge to a point 0.4 kilometres north of the centreline of the Plumley to Knutsford railway bridge;

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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 fourth length of carriageway” means the southbound carriageway of the motorway from a point 1.1 kilometres north of the centreline of the Plumley to Knutsford railway bridge to a point 0.4 kilometres south of the centreline of the Plumley to Knutsford railway bridge;

“the fifth length of carriageway” means the northbound carriageway of the motorway from a point 0.6 kilometres south of the centreline of the Plumley to Knutsford railway bridge to a point 0.4 kilometres north of the centreline of the Plumley to Knutsford railway bridge;

“the sixth length of carriageway” means the southbound carriageway of the motorway from a point 0.6 kilometres north of the centreline of the Plumley to Knutsford railway bridge to a point 0.4 kilometres south of the centreline of the Plumley to Knutsford railway bridge;

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

“the first length of hardshoulder” means the hardshoulder adjacent to the fifth length of carriageway;

“the second length of hardshoulder” means the hardshoulder adjacent to the sixth length of carriageway;

“the works period” means periods overnight between 2200 hours and 0500 hours during a period starting on Thursday 26 April 2012 and ending on Friday 1 June 2012. 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;

“works” means railway bridge maintenance works on the motorway;

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

**4.** The provisions of regulation 5 and (in so far as it relates to a vehicle being driven) 9 of the Motorways Traffic (England and Wales) Regulations 1982(a) are suspended in relation to the lengths of hardshoulder defined in article 2 of this Order at such times and to such extent as may be indicated by traffic signs and this article “hardshoulder” has the meaning given in regulation 3(1)(e) of those Regulations.

**5.** Subject as mentioned in article 6 of this Order, during the works period, no person shall cause or permit any motor vehicle to enter or proceed in the third and fourth lengths of carriageway.

**6.** The provisions of articles 3 and 5 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 a vehicle being used for emergency purposes by the police, fire and rescue authority or ambulance services or anything done at the direction of, or with the permission, of a constable, or a traffic officer in uniform.

And nothing in article 5 of this Order shall apply to any vehicle being used in connection with the said works or by traffic officers.

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

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

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

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(a) S.I. 2011/935.