

2012 No. 1539

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The A1(M) Motorway (Junction 63, Blind Lane Interchange)
(Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) (No. 2) Order
2012**

Made - - - - *31st May 2012*

Coming into force - *10th June 2012*

WHEREAS, the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the A1(M) Motorway, the A167 Trunk Road and connecting roads, in the County of Durham, is satisfied that traffic on that motorway, that trunk road and some of those connecting roads should be restricted and prohibited because carriageway resurfacing, lining renewal and routine maintenance 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), makes the following Order: -

1. This Order may be cited as the A1(M) Motorway (Junction 63, Blind Lane Interchange) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) (No. 2) Order 2012 and shall come into force on 10th June 2012.

2. In this Order; –

“the A1(M)” means the A1(M) Motorway;

“the southbound carriageway” means the A1(M) southbound carriageway from a point 100 metres north of the centreline of the A195(M) Motorway overbridge at Junction 64 (Vigo) southwards for a distance of 1970 metres;

“a slip road” means the A1(M) northbound and southbound exit and entry slips roads at Junction 63 (Blind Lane Interchange);

“the roundabout” means the circulatory carriageway of the A167 Trunk Road at Blind Lane Interchange;

“the works period” means a period of 10 hours starting at 20:00 hours on Monday 11th June 2012 or any subsequent night thereafter until 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 article 5 no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle to be driven at a speed exceeding:

- (i) 50 miles per hour in the southbound carriageway or a slip road; or
- (ii) 30 miles per hour in the roundabout.

(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.

4. Subject as mentioned in article 5 no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the roundabout or a slip road.

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. Nothing in article 4 shall apply to:

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

and nothing in article 3 shall apply to any vehicle being used for a purpose specified in paragraph (a) of this article.

6. 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

31st May 2012

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