

**2012 No. 1611**

**ROAD TRAFFIC**

**The A1(M) Motorway (Junction 63, Blind Lane Interchange)  
(Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) (No. 3) Order  
2012**

*Made* - - - - *14th June 2012*

*Coming into force* - *24th June 2012*

WHEREAS, the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the A1(M) Motorway and connecting roads, in the County of Durham, is satisfied that traffic on that motorway and some of those connecting roads should be restricted and prohibited because bridge refurbishment 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. 3) Order 2012 and shall come into force on 24th June 2012.

**2.** In this Order; –

“the A1(M)” means the A1(M) Motorway;

“the northbound carriageway” means the A1(M) northbound carriageway from a point 790 metres north of the centreline of the Lumley New Road overbridge northwards for a distance of 2300 metres;

“the southbound carriageway” means the A1(M) southbound carriageway from a point 950 metres north of the centreline of the northern overbridge at Junction 63 (Blind Lane) southwards for a distance of 2300 metres;

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

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

“the works period” means a period of 10 hours starting at 20:00 hours on Monday 25th 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 50 miles per hour in the northbound carriageway, the southbound carriageway or a first slip road.

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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.

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

7. 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(b) are suspended in relation to the hard shoulders adjacent to the northbound carriageway or the southbound carriageway as described in article 2 at such times and to such extent as may, from time to time, be indicated by traffic signs; and in this article “hard shoulder” has the meaning given in regulation 3(1)(e) of those Regulations.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

14th June 2012

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(a) S.I. 2011/935.

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