

**2012 No. 2176**

**ROAD TRAFFIC**

**The M20 Motorway (Junctions 4 - 6) (Temporary Restriction  
and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012**

*Made* - - - - 20th August 2012

*Coming into force* - - 12th September 2012

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M20 Motorway and connecting roads, is satisfied that traffic should be restricted and prohibited on lengths of that motorway and on one 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 M20 Motorway (Junctions 4 - 6) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012 and shall come into force on 12th September 2012 and shall apply for a period of eighteen months.

2. In this Order:

“the motorway” means the M20 Motorway in the County of Kent;

“the Regulations” means regulation 16(2) of the Motorways Traffic (England and Wales) Regulations 1982(b);

“the first length of coastbound carriageway” means the coastbound carriageway of the motorway between points 1000 metres west of the centre of Junction 4 (A228) at marker post 49/0 and 600 metres west of the centre of Junction 5 (A20) at marker post 53/8;

“a hard shoulder” means the hard shoulder, within the meaning of regulation 3(1)(e) of the Regulations, which is adjacent to the first length of coastbound carriageway;

“the second length of coastbound carriageway” means the coastbound carriageway of the motorway between the exit slip road at Junction 5 (A20) at marker post 53/0 and the Londonbound distributor road east of Junction 6 (A229 – Chatham Road) at marker post 60/0;

“the length of Londonbound carriageway” means the Londonbound carriageway of the motorway between the Londonbound distributor road east of Junction 6 (A229 – Chatham Road) at marker post 58/2 and the entry slip road at Junction 5 (A20) at marker post 54/3;

“the slip road” means the road leading to the Londonbound carriageway of the motorway from the Londonbound distributor road east of Junction 5;

“works” mean sign replacement work on the motorway; and

“a works period” means a period of 7½ hours starting at 2200 hours on Wednesday 12th September 2012 or on any subsequent day until 11th March 2014.

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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.  
(b) S.I. 1982/1163; amended by S.I. 1983/374, 1984/1479, 1992/1364, 1995/158, 1996/3053, 2004/3168, 2004/3258 and 2006/594.

3. Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 6 below, no person shall, during a works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the second length of coastbound carriageway, the length of Londonbound carriageway or the slip road.

4. Subject as mentioned in articles 5, 6 and 7 below, no person shall, during a works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on the first length of coastbound carriageway or a hard shoulder.

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

6. (1) Nothing in article 3 above shall apply to -

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

(2) Nothing in article 4 above shall apply to a vehicle being used for police, ambulance or fire and rescue authority purposes and 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. During a works period, the provisions of regulations 5 and (insofar 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 shall from time to time be indicated by traffic signs.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

20th August 2012

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(a) S.I. 2011/935.