

2012 No. 2511

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The M25 Motorway (Junctions 16 - 18) (Temporary Restriction
and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012**

Made - - - - *1st October 2012*

Coming into force - - *20th October 2012*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M25 Motorway and connecting roads, is satisfied that traffic should be restricted on a length of that motorway and 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 M25 Motorway (Junctions 16 - 18) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012 and shall come into force on 20th October 2012.

2. In this Order:

“the motorway” means the M25 Motorway in the Counties of Buckinghamshire and Hertfordshire;

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

“the length of motorway” means both carriageways of the motorway between the slip roads leading from and the slip roads leading to the clockwise carriageway and the anti-clockwise carriageway at Junction 16 (M40 Junction 1A) ;

"a hard shoulder" means the hard shoulder, within the meaning of regulation 3(1)(e) of the Regulations, which is adjacent to the carriageway of the length of motorway;

“a slip road” means –

- (i) the road leading to the clockwise carriageway of the motorway at Junction 17 (A412/Long Lane), or
- (ii) the road leading from the anti-clockwise carriageway of the motorway at Junction 17 (A412/Long Lane);

“works” mean bridge joint maintenance and all associated works on the motorway; and

“a works period” means a period of 7½ hours starting at 2200 hours on Monday 22nd October 2012 or on any subsequent day until 19th April 2014.

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 a slip road.

(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.

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 length of motorway 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

1st October 2012

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(a) S.I. 2011/935.