

**2012 No. 279**

**ROAD TRAFFIC**

**The M25 and the M26 Motorways and the A20 Trunk Road  
(M25 Junctions 3 & 5/M26 Junction 2A) (Temporary  
Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012**

*Made* - - - - - *30th January 2012*

*Coming into force* - - - - - *18th February 2012*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M25 Motorway, the M26 Motorway, the A20 Trunk Road and connecting roads, is satisfied that traffic should be prohibited on a length of the M26 Motorway and 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 and the M26 Motorways and the A20 Trunk Road (M25 Junctions 3 & 5/M26 Junction 2A) (Temporary Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012 and shall come into force on 18th February 2012.

2. In this Order:

“the M25”, “the M26” and “the A20” mean respectively the M25 Motorway, the M26 Motorway the A20 Trunk Road in the County of Kent;

“a slip/link road” means –

- (i) the road leading from the eastbound carriageway of the M26 to the southbound carriageway of the M25 spur road (leading to the A21) at Junction 5,
- (ii) the road leading to the westbound carriageway of the M26 at Junction 2A (A20),
- (iii) the road leading to the anti-clockwise carriageway of the M25 from the northbound carriageway of the M25 spur road (leading from the A21) at Junction 5 (M26),
- (iv) the road leading to the clockwise carriageway of the M25 from the northbound carriageway of the M25 spur road (leading from the A21) at Junction 5 (M26), or
- (v) the road leading from the eastbound carriageway of the A20 to the roundabout at Swanley Interchange (M25 Junction 3/M20 Junction 1);

“the length of carriageway” means the westbound carriageway of the M26 between points 140 metres west of Ford Lane underbridge at Junction 2A (A20 – at marker post 15/0) and 268 metres east of the M25/A21 overbridge at Junction 5 (A21 – at marker post 0/07);

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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 anti-clockwise carriageway" means the anti-clockwise carriageway of the M25 from its junction with the M26 to its junction with the northbound carriageway of the M25 spur road at Junction 5 (M26);

"works" means safety improvement work on the M25, the M26 and the A20; and

"a works period" means a period of -

- (i) 7 hours starting at 2200 hours on Monday 20th February 2012 or on any subsequent day other than a Friday, Saturday or Sunday, or
- (ii) 6 hours starting at 2300 hours on Friday 24th February 2012 or on any subsequent Friday,

until 16th August 2013.

**3.** Subject as mentioned in article 4 below, no person shall, during a works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in a slip/link road, the length of carriageway or the length of anti-clockwise carriageway.

**4.** The provisions of article 3 above shall apply only at such times and to such extent as shall from time to time be indicated by traffic signs, and shall not apply to –

- (a) a vehicle being used in connection with the said works;
- (b) a vehicle being used for police, ambulance, fire and rescue authority or traffic officer 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.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

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