

2012 No. 656

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The A1(M) Motorway (Junction 61 to Junction 60) (Temporary
Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012**

Made - - - - *1st March 2012*

Coming into force - - *11th March 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 carriageway resurfacing 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 61 to Junction 60) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012 and shall come into force on 11th March 2012.

2. In this Order; -

“the A1(M)” means the A1(M) Motorway;

“the first length of southbound carriageway” means the A1(M) southbound carriageway from a point 1400 metres south of the centreline of the B1198 Shincliffe Lane overbridge southwards for a distance of 2800 metres;

“the second length of southbound carriageway” means the A1(M) southbound carriageway from the nose of the southbound exit slip road at Junction 61 (Bowburn) to the nose of the southbound entry slip road at Junction 60 (Bradbury), a distance of approximately 10610 metres;

“the first slip road” means the A1(M) southbound exit slip road at Junction 61;

“a second slip road” means the A1(M) southbound entry slip road at Junction 61 and the southbound exit slip road at Junction 60;

“the works period” means a period of 10 hours starting at 20:00 hours on Monday 12th March 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 first length of southbound carriageway or the first slip road.

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 second length of southbound carriageway or a second 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.

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 not 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 winter maintenance or traffic officer purposes; or
- (c) anything done at the direction of, or with the permission of, a constable or traffic officer in uniform;

and nothing in article 3 shall apply to a vehicle being used for the 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

1st March 2012

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^(a) S.I. 2011/935.