

**2013 No. 231**

**ROAD TRAFFIC**

**The M55 Motorway (Junctions 1-3 Eastbound and Westbound Carriageway) (Temporary Restriction of Traffic) Order 2013**

*Made* - - - - *16th January 2013*

*Coming into force* - - *31st January 2013*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M55 Motorway, is satisfied that traffic on sections of that motorway in the Districts of Preston and Fylde in the County of Lancashire should be restricted 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) and regulation 16(2) of the Motorway Traffic (England and Wales) Regulations 1982 (b), hereby makes the following Order:-

1. This Order may be cited as the M55 Motorway (Junctions 1-3 Eastbound and Westbound Carriageway) (Temporary Restriction of Traffic) Order 2013 and shall come into force on 31st January 2013.

2. In this Order:

“the motorway” means the M55 Motorway between Junctions 1 and 3;

“hardshoulder” has the meaning given in regulation 3(1)(e) of the Motorways Traffic (England and Wales) Regulations 1982 (b);

“the first length of carriageway” means the westbound carriageway of the motorway from the centreline of Rosemary Lane overbridge to a point 320 metres west of the centreline of Church Road overbridge;

“the second length of carriageway” means the eastbound carriageway of the motorway from a point 233 metres east of the centreline of Blackleach Lane bridge to a point 661 metres east of the centreline of the B5411 Tabley Lane bridge;

“the length of hardshoulder” means the hardshoulder adjacent to the second length of carriageway;

“the first works period” means a period over two nights between 2000 hours and 0600 hours starting on Friday 1 February 2013 and ending on Sunday 3 February 2013. However, works may start and continue between the same times on subsequent nights or continue overnight until completed, for such period not exceeding 18 months as shall be required to complete the works;

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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, as amended by S. I. 19983/374, 1984,1479, 1992/1364, 1995/158, 1996/3053, 2004/3258 and 2006/594

“the second works period” means a period starting on Monday 4 February 2013 and ending on Monday 18 February 2013. However, works may start and continue beyond these dates for such period not exceeding 18 months as shall be required to complete the works;

“works” means resurfacing works on the motorway.

**3.** Subject as mentioned in articles 6 and 7 of this Order, during the first works period, no person shall cause or permit any motor vehicle to be driven in the first length of carriageway at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour

**4.** Subject as mentioned in articles 6 and 7 of this Order, during the second works period, no person shall cause or permit any motor vehicle to be driven in the second length of carriageway or hardshoulder at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour.

**5.** 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 (**a**) are suspended in relation to the length of hardshoulder defined in article x of this Order at such times and to such extent as may be indicated by traffic signs; and in this article, “hardshoulder” has the meaning given in regulation 3(1)(e) of those Regulations

**6.** The provisions of article 3 of this Order shall apply only during such times and to such extent as shall from time to time be indicated by traffic signs, and shall not apply to a vehicle being used for emergency purposes by the police, fire and rescue authority or ambulance services or anything done at the direction, or with the permission, of a constable, or a traffic officer in uniform.

**7.** 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(**b**) when used in accordance with regulation 3(5) of those Regulations.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

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(b) S.I. 2011/935