

**2012 No. 2869**

**ROAD TRAFFIC**

**The M55 Motorway (Junction 1 Eastbound and Westbound Carriageway) and the M6 (Junction 32 Northbound and Southbound Carriageways Exit Slips and Link Roads) (Temporary Prohibition and Restriction of Traffic) Order 2012**

*Made* - - - - *11th November 2012*

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

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M55 and M6 Motorways, slip and link roads, is satisfied that traffic on sections of those motorways and on two of those slip and two link roads in Lancashire should be prohibited and 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) and (7) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(a) hereby makes the following Order:-

1. This Order may be cited as The M55 Motorway (Junction 1 Eastbound and Westbound Carriageway) and the M6 (Junction 32 Northbound and Southbound Carriageways Exit Slips and Link Roads) (Temporary Prohibition and Restriction of Traffic) Order 2012 and shall come into force on 18th November 2012.

2. In this Order:

“the tip of the nosing of the exit slip road” means the last point where the slip road leaves the carriageway of the motorway;

“the start of the nosing of the exit slip road” means the first point where the slip road leaves the carriageway of the motorway.

“the tip of the nosing of the entry slip road” means first point where the slip road joins the carriageway of the motorway;

“the first length of carriageway” means the northbound carriageway of the M6 Motorway from a point 1.9 kilometres south of the centreline of M6 Fylde Junction Higher Bridge to the centreline of M6 Fylde Junction Higher Bridge;

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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 second length of carriageway” means the westbound carriageway of the M55 Motorway from a point 350 metres east of the centreline of D’Urton Lane Bridge to the tip of the nosing of the entry slip road at Junction 1

“the third length of carriageway” means the eastbound carriageway of the M55 Motorway from a point 800 metres west of the centreline of Lightfoot Green Lane Bridge to the centreline of Broughton Circle Bridge;

“the fourth length of carriageway” means the M6 Motorway southbound carriageway from a point 900 metres north of the centreline of Whittingham Lane to the centreline of Fylde Junction Higher Bridge;

“the fifth length of carriageway” means the M55 eastbound carriageway at Junction 1 from the tip of the nosing of the exit slip road to the tip of nosing of the entry slip road;

“the first link road” means the link road from the M6 Motorway northbound carriageway at Junction 32 to the M55 Motorway westbound carriageway from the start of the nosing of the exit slip road from the M6 Motorway northbound carriageway at Junction 32 to the centreline of Broughton Circle Bridge on the M55 Motorway westbound carriageway;

“the second link road” means the link road from the M6 Motorway southbound carriageway at Junction 32 to the M55 Motorway westbound carriageway from the start of the nosing of the exit slip road from the M6 Motorway southbound carriageway at Junction 32 to a point 100 metres east of the centreline of D’Urton Lane Bridge on the M55 Motorway westbound carriageway;

“the works period” means periods overnight between 2100 hours and 0600 hours starting on Monday 19 November 2012 and ending on Sunday 2 December 2012. 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 work;

“works” means bridge works on the M55 Motorway;

**3.** Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 6 of this Order, during the works period, no person shall cause or permit any motor vehicle to be driven in the first, third or fourth lengths of carriageway or the first link road at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour.

**4.** Subject as mentioned in article 5 of this Order, during the works period, no person shall cause or permit any motor vehicle to enter or proceed in the second or fifth lengths of carriageway or second link road.

**5.** The provisions of articles 3 and 4 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.

And nothing in article 4 of this Order shall apply to any vehicle being used in connection with the said works or by traffic officers.

**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 for Transport

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