

2012 No. 449

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The M1 Motorway (Junctions 16 to 21) (Temporary
Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012**

Made - - - - *3rd February 2012*
Coming into force - - *10th February 2012*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M1 Motorway (“the M1”) and connecting roads, is satisfied that traffic on lengths of that motorway and some of those connecting roads in the Counties of Northamptonshire and Leicestershire should be restricted and prohibited 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), and of all other powers enabling her in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order: -

1. This Order may be cited as the M1 Motorway (Junctions 16 to 21) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012 and shall come into force on 10th February 2012.

2. In this Order:

“the first length of motorway” means the northbound and southbound carriageways of the M1 from a point 400 metres south of the centrepoint of the southern overbridge at Junction 16 to a point 950 metres south of the centreline of Yelvertoft Road overbridge at Lilbourne (south of Junction 19);

“the second length of motorway” means the northbound carriageway of the M1 from a point 1800 metres south of the centreline of the Swinford Road overbridge (south of Junction 20) to a point 7000 metres north of Junction 20;

“the third length of motorway” means the southbound carriageway of the M1 from a point 7000 metres north of Junction 20 to a point 700 metres south of the centreline of the Swinford Road overbridge (south of Junction 20);

(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 fourth length of motorway”	means the northbound carriageway of the M1 from its junction with the link road leading to the M45 at Kilsby (M1 Junction 17) to its junction with the entry slip road Junction 18 near Crick;
“a slip road”	means any slip road leading – (a) to and from the northbound and southbound carriageways of the M1 at Junction 18; and (b) to and from the northbound and southbound carriageways of the M1 at Junction 20;
“the Regulations”	means the Motorways Traffic (England and Wales) Regulations 1982(a);
“a hard shoulder”	means the hard shoulder, within the meaning of regulation 3(1)(e) of the Regulations, which is adjacent to the first length of motorway, second length of motorway and the third length of motorway;
“the works period”	means the period starting at 00.01 hours on Monday 13th February 2012 and ending when 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 articles 5 and 6, no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle to be driven at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on the first length of motorway, the second length of motorway or the third length of motorway.

4. Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 6, no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the fourth length of motorway or a slip road.

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.

6. The provisions of –

(a) articles 3 and 4 shall not apply to any vehicle –

(i) being used for police, fire brigade or ambulance purposes; or

(ii) proceeding at the direction of, or with the permission of, a police constable;

(b) article 3 shall not apply to any vehicle being used for special forces purposes; and

(c) article 4 shall not apply to any vehicle being used in connection with the said works or by, or at the direction of, a traffic officer in uniform.

(a) S.I. 1982/1163, amended by S.I. 1983/374, 1984/1479, 1992/1364.

7. During the works period, regulations 5 and (in so far as it relates to a vehicle being driven) 9 of the Regulations, in respect of a hard shoulder, are hereby suspended at such times and to such extent as may from time to time be indicated by traffic signs.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

3rd February 2012

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