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2010 No. 1411

ROAD TRAFFIC

The M53 Motorway (Junction 1, Northbound and Southbound Carriageways and Southbound Entry Slip Road) (Temporary Prohibition and Restriction of Traffic) Order 2010

Made - - - -	*5 May 2010*
Coming into force - -	*13 May 2010*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M53 Motorway and its slip roads, is satisfied that traffic on sections of that motorway and on one of those slip roads in the District of Wirral in Merseyside 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 15(2), of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(**a**) hereby makes the following Order:-

1. This Order may be cited as the M53 Motorway (Junction 1, Northbound and Southbound Carriageways and Southbound Entry Slip Road) (Temporary Prohibition and Restriction of Traffic) Order 2010 and shall come into force on 13 May 2010.

2. In this Order:

"the motorway" means the M53 Motorway at Junction 1;

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

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

"overall width" has the meaning given in regulation 3 (2) of the Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1986 **(b)**;

"works" means viaduct strengthening works on the motorway;

(**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.1. 1986/1078 to which there are amendments not relevant to this Order.

"the first length of carriageway" means the northbound carriageway of the motorway from the centreline of the Morton Spur southbound over bridge to a point 2.346 kilometres north of the centreline of the Morton Spur southbound over bridge;

"the second length of carriageway" means the southbound carriageway of the motorway from the centreline of the Morton Spur southbound over bridge to a point 2.346 kilometres north of the centreline of the Morton Spur southbound over bridge;

"the third length of carriageway" means the northbound carriageway of the motorway from the tip of the nosing of the northbound exit slip road at Junction 1 to the point at which the motorway terminates and becomes the Mersey Tunnel approach road;

"the fourth length of carriageway" means the southbound carriageway of the motorway from the point where the Mersey Tunnel approach road terminates and becomes the motorway to the tip of the nosing of the southbound entry slip road at Junction 1;

"the slip road" means the entry slip road leading to the southbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 1;

"the first works period" means a period starting at 2000 hours on Friday 14 May 2010 and ending at 0500 hours on Sunday 1 April 2012.

"the second works period" means periods overnight between 2000 hours and 0500 hours starting on Friday 14 May 2010 and ending on Sunday 1 April 2012.

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

3. Subject as mentioned in article 7 of this Order, during the first works period, no person shall cause or permit any motor vehicle with an overall width exceeding 2.0 metres (6 feet 6 inches) to enter or proceed in the first and second lengths of carriageway, as indicated by traffic signs.

4. Subject as mentioned in article 7 of this Order, during the second works period, no person shall cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the third and fourth lengths of carriageway or the slip road.

5. The Secretary of State is satisfied that the execution of the said works will take longer than a period of 18 months starting on the date when this Order comes into force.

6. The provisions of articles 3, 4 and 5 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 articles 4 and 5 of this Order shall apply to any vehicle being used in connection with the said works or by traffic officers.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

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