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The M6 Motorway (Junctions 20 and 20a, Northbound and Southbound Carriageways and Junction 20 Northbound Exit Slip Road) and the M56 Eastbound Link Road Leading to the M6 Southbound (Temporary Prohibition and Restriction of Traffic) Order 2010

Made - - - -	*19 January 2010*
Coming into force - -	*24 January 2010*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M6 and M56 Motorways and their slip roads and link roads, is satisfied that traffic on sections of those motorways and on one of those slip roads and one of those link roads in Cheshire East and the District of Warrington 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 M6 Motorway (Junctions 20 and 20a, Northbound and Southbound Carriageways and Junction 20 Northbound Exit Slip Road) and the M56 Eastbound Link Road Leading to the M6 Southbound (Temporary Prohibition and Restriction of Traffic) Order 2010 and shall come into force on 24 January 2010.

2. In this Order:

"the motorway" means the M6 Motorway at Junctions 20 and 20a;

"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)**;

(**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 a point 2.61 kilometres south of the tip of the nosing of the exit slip road at Junction 20 to a point 0.76 kilometres south of the tip of the nosing of the entry slip road at Junction 20;

"the second length of carriageway" means the southbound carriageway of the motorway from a point 0.78 kilometres north of the tip of the nosing of the exit slip road at Junction 20 to a point 1.03 kilometres south of the tip of the nosing of the exit slip road at Junction 20a;

"the third length of carriageway" means the northbound carriageway of the motorway from a point 1.76 kilometres south of the tip, of the nosing of the exit slip road at Junction 20 to a point 0.98 kilometres south of the tip of the nosing of the entry slip road at Junction 20;

"the fourth length of carriageway" means the southbound carriageway of the motorway from a point 0.052 kilometres south of the tip of the nosing of the exit slip road at Junction 20 (to Lymm) to a point 1.47 kilometres south of the tip of the nosing of the exit slip road at Junction 20a (to the M56);

"the fifth length of carriageway" means the northbound carriageway of the motorway from a point 3.71 kilometres south of the tip of the nosing of the exit slip road at Junction 20 to a point 2.61 kilometres south of the tip of the nosing of the exit slip road at Junction 20;

"the sixth length of carriageway" means the northbound carriageway of the motorway from the tip of the nosing of the exit slip road at Junction 20 to the tip of the nosing of the entry slip road at Junction 20a;

"the seventh length of carriageway" means the southbound carriageway of the motorway from the tip of the nosing of the exit slip road at Junction 20a to the tip of the nosing of the entry slip road from the M56 eastbound at Junction 20;

"the slip road" means the exit slip road leading from the northbound carriageway of the M6 Motorway at Junction 20 to the M56 westbound, including the link road from the diverge from the A50 link to the merge with the M56 eastbound exit slip road;

"the link road" means the M56 eastbound exit link road onto the M6 southbound at Junction 20 from its diverge from the link to the A50 and M6 northbound link road to its end at the merge with the M6 southbound;

"hardshoulder" has the meaning given in regulation 3(1)(e) of the Motorways Traffic (England and Wales) Regulations 1982**(a)**;

"the first length of hardshoulder" means the hardshoulder adjacent to the third length of carriageway;

"the second length of hardshoulder" means the hardshoulder adjacent to the fourth length of carriageway;

"the first works period" means a period starting at 2200 hours on Monday 25 January 2010 and ending at 0500 hours on Friday 22 October 2010. However, work may start and continue beyond these dates until completed.

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

"the second works period" means periods daily starting on Monday 15 March 2010 and ending on Friday 22 October 2010 during the following periods;

i. Monday to Friday between 0600 hours and 0930 hours and between 1300 hours and 1930 hours; and

ii. Saturday and Sunday between 1000 hours and 1900 hours.

However, work may start and continue between the same times on subsequent days or continue until completed.

"the third works period" means a period over fourteen nights between 2200 hours and 0500 hours during a period starting on Monday 25 January 2010 and ending on Friday 22 October 2010. However, work may start and continue between the same times on subsequent nights or continue until completed.

"the fourth works period" means a period over seven nights between 2200 hours and 0500 hours during a period starting on Monday 25 January 2010 and ending on Friday 22 October 2010. However, work may start and continue between the same times on subsequent nights or continue until completed.

"works" means maintenance and improvement works to Swineyard Lane Bridge;

3. Subject as mentioned in article 9 of this Order, during the first works period, no person shall cause or permit any motor vehicle to be driven in the first and second lengths of carriageway or the first and second lengths of hardshoulder at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour.

4. Subject as mentioned in article 9 of this Order, during the first works period, no person shall cause or permit any motor vehicle with an overall width exceeding 2 metres (6 feet 6 inches) to enter or proceed in the third and fourth lengths of carriageway, as indicated by traffic signs.

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 first and second lengths of hardshoulder defined in article 2 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. Subject as mentioned in article 9 of this Order, during the second works period, no person shall cause or permit any motor vehicle to be driven in the fifth length of carriageway at a speed exceeding 60 miles per hour.

7. Subject as mentioned in article 9 of this Order, during the third works period, no person shall cause or permit any motor vehicle to enter or proceed in the sixth and seventh lengths of carriageway.

8. Subject as mentioned in article 9 of this Order, during the fourth works period, no person shall cause or permit any motor vehicle to enter or proceed in the slip road or link road.

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

9. The provisions of articles 3, 4, 6, 7 and 8 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 of, or with the permission of, a police officer or traffic officer in uniform.

And nothing in articles 4, 7 and 8 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 of Transport

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