STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

# 2013 No. 1891

# ROAD TRAFFIC

## The M6 Motorway (Junctions 16 – 18 Northbound and Southbound Carriageways and Slip Roads) (Temporary Prohibition and Restriction of Traffic) Order 2013

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| *Made - - - -* | *11th July 2013* |
| *Coming into force - -* | *31st July 2013* |

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M6 Motorway and its slip roads, is satisfied that traffic on sections of that motorway and on eleven of those slip roads in the Borough of Cheshire East in Cheshire 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) 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 M6 Motorway (Junctions 16 – 18 Northbound and Southbound Carriageways and Slip Roads) (Temporary Prohibition and Restriction of Traffic) Order 2013 and shall come into force on 31st July 2013.

**2.** In this Order:

"the motorway" means the M6 Motorway between Junctions 16 and 18;

"the first length of carriageway" means the northbound carriageway from a point 4100 metres south of the centreline of Flash House overbridge to a point 300 metres south of the centreline of Mill Lane overbridge;

"the second length of carriageway" means the southbound carriageway from a point 100 metres south of the centreline of Northwish Road overbridge to a point 2100 metres south of the centreline of Flash House overbridge;

"the third length of carriageway" means the northbound carriageway from a point 3100 metres south of the centreline of Flash House overbridge to a point 500 metres north of the centreline of Holmes Chapel North overbridge;

"the fourth length of carriageway" means the southbound carriageway from a point 200 metres north of the centreline of Middlewich Lane overbridge to a point 1600m south of the centreline of Flash House overbridge;

(**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 first slip road" means the entry slip road leading to the northbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 16;

"the second slip road" means the exit slip road leading from the southbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 16;

"the third slip road" means the entry slip road leading to the northbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 17;

"the fourth slip road" means the exit slip road leading from the northbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 17;

"the fifth slip road" means the exit slip road leading from the southbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 17;

"the sixth slip road" means the entry slip road leading to the southbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 17;

"the seventh slip road" means the exit slip road leading from the southbound carriageway of the motorway to Sandbach Service area;

"the eighth slip road" means the entry slip road leading to the southbound carriageway of the motorway from Sandbach Service area;

"the ninth slip road" means the exit slip road leading from the northbound carriageway of the motorway to Sandbach Service area;

"the tenth slip road" means the entry slip road leading to the northbound carriageway of the motorway from Sandbach Service area;

"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 works period" means periods overnight between 2200 and 0500 hours, extending to 0700 hours on Saturday and Sunday mornings, starting on Thursday 1 August 2013 and ending on Thursday 31 October 2013. However, work may start and continue beyond these dates for such period not exceeding 18 months as shall be required to complete the work;

"works" means pavement, drainage, signs, signals and general maintenance works on the motorway.

**3.** Subject as mentioned in article 6 of this Order, 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.

**4.** 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 and second lengths of carriageway or the first and second lengths of hardshoulder defined in article 2 of this Order at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour.

**5.** Subject as mentioned in article 6 of this Order, during the works period, no person shall cause or permit any motor vehicle to enter or proceed in the ten slip roads.

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(**a**) S.I. 1982/1163 amended by S.I. 1983/374, 1984/1479, 1992/1364.
(**b**) S. I. 1982/1163, as amended by S. I. 1983/374, 1984,1479, 1992/1364, 1995/158, 1996/3053, 2004/3258 and 2006/594

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

**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(**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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(**a**) S.I. 2011/935.