S T A T U T O R Y  I N S T R U M E N T S

# 2015 No. 1037

# ROAD TRAFFIC

## The M6 Motorway (Junctions 26-28 Northbound Carriageway and Slip Roads) (Temporary Prohibition and Restriction of Traffic) Order 2015

| | |
|---|---|
| *Made - - - -* | *5th February 2015* |
| *Coming into force - -* | *8th February 2015* |

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 two of those slip roads in the Districts of Wigan in Greater Manchester, and West Lancashire and Chorley in the County of 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) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(**a**) and regulation 16(2) of the Motorways Traffic (England and Wales) Regulations 1982(**b**), hereby makes the following Order:-

**1.** This Order may be cited as the M6 Motorway (Junctions 26-28 Northbound Carriageway and Slip Roads) (Temporary Prohibition and Restriction of Traffic) Order 2015 and shall come into force on 8th February 2015.

**2.** In this Order:

"the motorway" means the M6 Motorway between Junctions 26 and 28;

"the first length of carriageway" means the northbound carriageway of the motorway from a point 100 metres south of the centreline of the railway line underbridge to a point 100 metres south of the centreline of Croston Lane overbridge;

"the second length of carriageway" means the northbound carriageway of the motorway from a point 250 metres south of the B5375 New Miles Lane overbridge to a point 250 metres north of the centreline of Town Lane (Knob Farm track overbridge);

"the first slip road" means the exit slip leading from the northbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 27;

"the second slip road" means the entry slip road leading to the northbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 27;

"hardshoulder" has the meaning given in regulation 3(1)(e) of the Motorways Traffic (England and Wales) Regulations 1982(**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.I. 1982/1163, as amended by S.I. 1983/374, 1984/1479, 1992/1364, 1995/158, 1996/3053, 2004/3168, 2004/3258 and 2006/594.

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

"the works period" means periods overnight between 2200 hours and 0500 hours (continuing to 0700 hours on Saturday and Sunday mornings) during a period starting on Monday 9th February 2015 and ending on Monday 9th March 2015. However, work 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 road marking and stud renewal works.

**3**. Subject as mentioned in articles 6 and 7 of this Order, during the works period, no person shall cause or permit any motor vehicle to be driven in the first length of carriageway or the length of hardshoulder at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour.

**4.** 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 second length of carriageway or the first and second slip roads.

**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 length 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**. 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 vehicles being used for winter maintenance purposes 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(**b**) when used in accordance with regulation 3(5) of those Regulations.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

*R Baldwin*
Service Delivery Team Leader
Network Delivery & Development Directorate
Highways Agency

Piccadilly Gate
Store Street
Manchester
M1 2WD

5th February 2015

---

(**a**) S.I. 1982/1163, as amended by S.I. 1983/374, 1984/1479, 1992/1364, 1995/158, 1996/3053, 2004/3168, 2004/3258 and 2006/594.
(**b**) S.I. 2011/935.