

**2011 No. 3071**

**ROAD TRAFFIC**

**The M4 Motorway (Junctions 11 and 12) (Temporary  
Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2011**

*Made* - - - - - *19th December 2011*

*Coming into force* - - - - - *7th January 2012*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M4 Motorway and connecting roads, is satisfied that traffic should be restricted and prohibited on lengths of that motorway and on some of those connecting roads 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 M4 Motorway (Junctions 11 and 12) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2011 and shall come into force on 7th January 2012.

2. In this Order:

“the motorway” means the M4 Motorway in the District of West Berkshire and the Boroughs of Reading and Wokingham;

“the Regulations” means the Motorways Traffic (England and Wales) Regulations 1982(b);

“a length of carriageway” means –

- (i) the eastbound carriageway of the motorway between points 2000 metres west and 200 metres east of Shinfield footbridge east of Junction 11 (A33) near Reading,
- (ii) the westbound carriageway of the motorway between points 2000 metres east and 200 metres west of Shinfield footbridge east of Junction 11 (A33) near Reading,
- (iii) the eastbound carriageway of the motorway between points 2000 metres west and 200 metres east of Malpas footbridge northwest of Junction 12 (A4 - Bath Road) near Theale, or
- (iv) the westbound carriageway of the motorway between points 2000 metres east and 200 metres west of Malpas footbridge northwest of Junction 12 (A4 – Bath Road) near Theale;

“a hard shoulder” means the hard shoulder, within the meaning of regulation 3(1)(e) of the Regulations, which is adjacent to a length of carriageway;

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(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; amended by S.I. 1983/374, 1984/1479, 1992/1364, 1995/158, 2004/3258.

“the length of motorway” means both carriageways of the motorway between the slip roads leading to the A4 (Bath Road) at Junction 12 near Theale and the slip roads leading from the A4 (Bath Road) at that junction;

“the first slip road” means the road leading from the A33 to the eastbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 11 near Reading;

“the second slip road” means the road leading from the A4 (Bath Road) to the westbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 12 near Theale;

“works” mean footbridge improvement work on the motorway; and

“a works period” means a period of

- (i) 7½ hours starting at 2200 hours on Monday 9th January 2012 or on any subsequent day other than a Friday, Saturday or Sunday,
- (ii) 7 hours starting at 2300 hours on Friday 13th January 2012 or on any subsequent Friday,
- (iii) 8 hours starting at 2200 hours on Saturday 14th January 2012 or on any subsequent Saturday, or
- (iv) 6½ hours starting at 2300 hours on Sunday 15th January 2012 or on any subsequent Sunday,

until 6th July 2013.

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

**4.** Subject as mentioned in articles 5, 6 and 7 below, no person shall, during a works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on a length of carriageway, the first slip road, the second slip road or a hard shoulder.

**5.** The provisions of articles 3 and 4 above shall apply only at such times and to such extent as shall from time to time be indicated by traffic signs.

**6.** (1) Nothing in article 3 above shall apply to -

- (a) a vehicle being used in connection with the said works;
- (b) a vehicle being used for police, ambulance, traffic officer or fire and rescue authority purposes;
- (c) anything done at the direction of, or with the permission of, a constable or traffic officer in uniform; or
- (d) any vehicle being used for winter maintenance purposes.

(2) Nothing in article 4 above shall apply to a vehicle being used for police, ambulance or fire and rescue authority purposes and to vehicles falling within regulation 3(4) of the Road Traffic Exemptions (Special Forces) (Variation and Amendment) Regulations 2011<sup>(a)</sup> when used in accordance with regulation 3(5) of those Regulations.

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

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

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(a) S.I. 2011/935.