

2013 No. 1174

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The M25 and the M26 Motorways (Junctions 4 and 5)
(Temporary Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2013**

Made - - - - *2nd April 2013*

Coming into force - - *23rd April 2013*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M25 Motorway, the M26 Motorway and connecting roads, is satisfied that traffic should be prohibited on lengths of the M25 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) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(a), hereby makes the following Order:-

1. This Order may be cited as the M25 and the M26 Motorways (Junctions 4 and 5) (Temporary Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2013 and shall come into force on 23rd April 2013 and shall apply for a period of twelve months.

2. In this Order:

“the M25” and “the M26” mean, respectively, the M25 Motorway and the M26 Motorway in the County of Kent;

“a length of carriageway” means –

- (i) the anti-clockwise carriageway of the M25 at Junction 5 from its junction with the M26 to its junction with the northbound carriageway of the M25 spur road (leading from the A21),
- (ii) the northbound carriageway of the M25 spur road at Junction 5 (leading from the A21) from the link road leading to the clockwise carriageway of the M25 to its junction with the anti-clockwise carriageway of the M25, or
- (iii) the southbound carriageway of the M25 spur road at Junction 5 (leading to the A21) from its junction with the clockwise carriageway of the M25 to its junction with the link road leading from the eastbound carriageway of the M26;

“a link road” means –

- (i) the road leading from the eastbound carriageway of the M26 to the southbound carriageway of the M25 spur road at Junction 5 (leading to the A21 at Bessels Green), or
- (ii) the road leading from the northbound carriageway of the M25 spur road to the clockwise carriageway of the M25 at Junction 5;

(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.

“a slip road” means –

- (i) any road leading to or from the clockwise carriageway of the M25 at Junction 4 (A21/A224), or
- (ii) any road leading to or from the anti-clockwise carriageway of the M25 at Junction 4 (A21/A224);

“works” mean cyclic maintenance and/or urgent repair work on the M25 and the M26; and

“a works period” means a period of –

- (i) 7½ hours starting at 2200 hours on Tuesday 23rd April 2013 or on any subsequent day other than a Friday, Saturday or Sunday,
- (ii) 7 hours starting at 2300 hours on Friday 26th April 2013 or on any subsequent Friday,
- (iii) 8 hours starting at 2200 hours on Saturday 27th April 2013 or on any subsequent Saturday, or
- (iv) 7 hours starting at 2230 hours on Sunday 28th April 2013 or on any subsequent Sunday,

until Tuesday 22nd April 2014.

3. Subject as mentioned in article 4 below, no person shall, during a works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in a length of carriageway, a link road or a slip road.

4. The provisions of article 3 above shall apply only at such times and to such extent as shall from time to time be indicated by traffic signs, and shall not 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.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

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