

2014 No. 50

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The M25 Motorway and the A282 Trunk Road (Junctions 30 - 2)
(Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2014**

Made - - - - - *13th January 2014*

Coming into force - - - - - *1st February 2014*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M25 Motorway, the A282 Trunk Road and connecting roads, is satisfied that traffic should be restricted and prohibited on lengths of the M25 Motorway, the A282 Trunk Road 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 Motorway and the A282 Trunk Road (Junctions 30 - 2) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2014 and shall come into force on 1st February 2014.

2. In this Order:

“the M25” and “the A282” mean, respectively, the M25 Motorway and the A282 Trunk Road in the Borough of Thurrock and the Counties of Essex and Kent;

“the length of motorway/trunk road” means both carriageways of the M25 and the A282 between points 5 metres north of the A13 overbridge at Junction 30 and 5 metres south of the A2 underbridge at Junction 2 at Darenth Interchange;

“the northbound carriageway” and “the southbound carriageway” mean, respectively, the northbound carriageway and the southbound carriageway of the length of motorway/trunk road;

“the Regulations” means the regulation 16(2) of the Motorways Traffic (England and Wales) Regulations 1982(b);

“the length of northbound carriageway” means the northbound carriageway of the A282 and the M25 between points 5 metres south of the A2 underbridge at Junction 2 at Darenth Interchange and 5 metres north of the A13 overbridge at Junction 30;

“the first slip road” means the road leading to the northbound carriageway of the A282 at Junction 1a (A206);

“a second slip/dedicated link road” means –

(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, 1996/3053, 2004/3168, 2004/3258 and 2006/594.

- (i) the road leading to the southbound carriageway of the A282 at M25 Junction 30 (A13),
- (ii) the road leading to the southbound carriageway of the A282 at M25 Junction 31 (A1306/A1090),
- (iii) the road leading to or from the southbound carriageway of the A282 at Junction 1a (A206),
- (iv) the road leading to the northbound carriageway of the A282 at M25 Junction 2 (A2) at Darenth Interchange,
- (v) the road leading from the westbound carriageway of the A2 to the northbound carriageway of the A282 at M25 Junction 2 at Darenth Interchange,
- (vi) the road leading to the northbound carriageway of the A282 at Junction 1b (A296),
- (vii) the road leading from the northbound carriageway of the A282 at Junction 1a,
- (viii) the road leading from the northbound carriageway of the A282 at M25 Junction 31 (A1306/A1090),
- (ix) the road leading from the southbound carriageway of the A282 at Junction 1b (A296), or
- (x) the road leading from the southbound carriageway of the A282 at M25 Junction 2 (A2) at Darenth Interchange;

“specified signs” means –

- (i) signs of the type, colour and size shown in diagram 7103 in Part II of Schedule 12 to the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002(a) which comply with the provisions of regulation 56 of those Regulations, or
- (ii) traffic signs, consisting of temporary vertical safety barriers of a character authorised by the Secretary of State under section 64 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984;

“a hard shoulder” means the hard shoulder, within the meaning of regulation 3(1)(e) of the Regulations, which is adjacent to the length of motorway/trunk road, the first slip road or a second slip/dedicated link road;

“overall height” has the meaning given in regulation 3(2) of the Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1986(b);

“recovery vehicle” has the meaning given in paragraph 5 of Schedule 1 to the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994(c);

“works” mean major infrastructure work for the new free flow charging operation at Dartford River Crossing on the M25 and the A282;

“a first works period” means a period of 24 hours starting 0001 on Saturday 1 February 2014 or on any subsequent day until 31st July 2015;

“a second works period” means –

- (i) 7½ hours starting at 2200 hours on Monday 3rd February 2014 or on any subsequent day other than a Friday, Saturday or Sunday,
- (ii) 7 hours starting at 2300 hours on Friday 7th February 2014 or on any subsequent Friday,
- (iii) 8 hours starting at 2200 hours on Saturday 1st February 2014 or on any subsequent Saturday, or

(a) S.I. 2002/3113.

(b) S.I. 1986/1078; to which there are amendments not relevant to this Order.

(c) 1994 c.22.

- (iv) 7 hours starting at 2230 hours on Sunday 2nd February 2014 or on any subsequent Sunday, until 31st July 2015;

and a reference to an article followed by a number is a reference to the article in this Order which bears that number.

3. Subject as mentioned in articles 5, 6 and 8, no person shall, during –

- (a) a second works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the length of motorway/trunk road, the first slip road or a second slip/dedicated link road; or
- (b) a first works period, cause or permit any vehicle with an overall width exceeding 3.0 metres to enter or proceed in the length of motorway/trunk road.

4. Subject as mentioned in articles 5, 8 and 9(a), no person shall, during a first works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding

- (a) 60 miles per hour on the length of motorway/trunk road or a hard shoulder;
- (b) 50 miles per hour on the length of motorway/trunk road or a hard shoulder;
- (c) 40 miles per hour on the length of motorway/trunk road or a hard shoulder;
- (d) 30 miles per hour on the length of motorway/trunk road or a hard shoulder; or
- (e) 20 miles per hour on the length of motorway/trunk road or a hard shoulder;

5. The provisions of articles 3, 4, 6 and 7 shall apply only at such times and to such extent as shall from time to time be indicated by traffic signs.

6. (1) During such times as, pursuant to article 5, movement of traffic is prohibited in one or more lanes of the northbound carriageway but is not prohibited in any lane of the southbound carriageway, no person shall cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the southbound carriageway other than in such direction that specified signs are at all times on the right hand or offside of the vehicle.

(2) During such times as, pursuant to article 5, movement of traffic is prohibited in one or more lanes of the southbound carriageway but is not prohibited in any lane of the northbound carriageway, no person shall cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the northbound carriageway other than in such direction that specified signs are at all times on the right hand or offside of the vehicle.

(3) When pursuant to article 5, movement of traffic is prohibited in one or more lanes in a length of one carriageway but is not prohibited in any lane of the corresponding length of the other carriageway, the provisions of this article with respect to the other carriageway shall apply to that length of that carriageway.

7. Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 8, no person shall, during a first works period, cause or permit any vehicle height exceeding 4.8 metres to enter or proceed in any lane other than the nearside lane or middle lane of two or more lanes in a carriageway or length of carriageway, where only those lanes are open for use by traffic proceeding in the same direction;

and in this article a reference to a carriageway is a reference to the length of northbound carriageway.

8. (1) Nothing in articles 3 or 7 shall apply to -

- (a) a recovery vehicle or a vehicle being used in connection with the said works;
- (b) a vehicle being used for police, ambulance, fire and rescue authority or traffic officer 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 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 Exemption (Special Forces) (Variation and Amendment) Regulations 2011(a) when used in accordance with regulation 3(5) of those Regulations.

9. During the works period, the undermentioned provisions of the Regulations are hereby suspended:

- (a) regulations 5 and (insofar as it relates to a vehicle being driven) 9, in respect of a hard shoulder, at such times and to such extent as shall from times to time be indicated by traffic signs; and
- (b) regulation 6(3), in respect of a vehicle being driven northwards in the southbound carriageway by virtue of article 6(1), or southwards in the northbound carriageway by virtue of article 6(2).

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

13th January 2014

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(a) S.I. 2011/935.