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SPECIAL ROADS, ENGLAND

The M23 Motorway (Junction 7) (50 Miles Per Hour Speed Limit) Regulations 2025

Made - - - -	*3rd March 2025*
Laid before Parliament	*7th March 2025*
Coming into force	*31st March 2025*

The Secretary of State makes these Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by section 17(2), (3) and (3ZB) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(**a**).

The Secretary of State has consulted representative organisations in accordance with section 134(2) of that Act(**b**).

Citation, commencement and extent

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the M23 Motorway (Junction 7) (50 Miles Per Hour Speed Limit) Regulations 2025.

(2) They come into force on 31st March 2025.

(3) They extend to England and Wales.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations—

"A23" means the A23 trunk road;

"M23" means the M23 motorway; and

"Shepherd's Hill Road Overbridge" means the section of the B2031 Shepherd's Hill Road which spans the M23.

(**a**) 1984 c. 27. Section 17(2) was amended by paragraph 28(3) of Schedule 8 to the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 (c. 22), paragraph 25 of Schedule 4 to the Road Traffic Act 1991 (c. 40) and section 21(3) of the Scotland Act 2012 (c. 11). Section 17(3ZB) was inserted by section 21(4) of the Scotland Act 2012. For the meaning of "use" in section 17(2), see section 17(6). For the meaning of "special road" in section 17(2), see section 142(1) (as amended by paragraph 78(5) of Schedule 8 to the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991), which provides that "special road" in England and Wales has the same meaning as in the Highways Act 1980 (c. 66). "Special road" is defined in section 329(1) of that Act, as amended by paragraph 29(2) of Schedule 2 to the Planning Act 2008 (c. 29).

(**b**) Section 134(2) was amended by paragraph 12(3) of Schedule 2 to the Scotland Act 2016 (c. 11).

Imposition of 50 miles per hour speed limit

3. Subject to regulation 4, no person may drive any vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on the length of the M23 junction 7 northbound off-slip road beginning at a point which is 212 metres south of the centre of Shepherd's Hill Road Overbridge and ending at the point where the slip road joins the A23.

Exemption

4. Regulation 3 does not apply in relation to a length of road if a speed restriction is in force by virtue of an order or notice under section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(**a**).

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

Lilian Greenwood
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
Department for Transport

3rd March 2025

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose a permanent speed limit of 50 miles per hour on the northbound M23 off-slip road at junction 7 leading onto the A23.

Contravention of these Regulations is an offence under section 17(4) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for these Regulations as no, or no significant, impact on private, voluntary or public sector is foreseen. An Explanatory Memorandum is published alongside the Regulations at www.legislation.gov.uk.

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(**a**) Section 14 was substituted by the Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Act 1991 (c. 26), section 1(1) and Schedule 1.

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