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ROAD TRAFFIC

The M4 Motorway (Junctions 16-17) (Temporary Prohibition and Restriction of Traffic) Order 2009

Made - - - -	*30 December 2009*
Coming into force - -	*2 January 2010*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M4 Motorway ("the M4") and connecting roads, is satisfied that traffic on lengths of that road and some of those connecting roads between Junctions 16 and 17 in Wiltshire 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**), hereby makes the following Order:-

1. This Order may be cited as the M4 Motorway (Junctions 16-17) (Temporary Prohibition and Restriction of Traffic) Order 2009 and shall come into force on 2 January 2010.

2. In this Order –

"the first length of the M4" means (a) the westbound carriageway of the M4 from a point at the centre of the Church Lane overbridge to the tip of the nosing of the westbound exit slip road at Junction 17; and (b) the eastbound carriageway of the M4 from the tip of the nosing of the eastbound entry slip road at Junction 17 to a point at the centre of the Church Lane overbridge;

"the second length of the M4" means (a) the westbound carriageway of the M4 from the tip of the nosing of the westbound entry slip road at Junction 16 to the tip of the nosing of the westbound exit slip road at Junction 17; and (b) the eastbound carriageway of the M4 from the tip of the nosing of the eastbound entry slip road at Junction 17 to the tip of the nosing of the eastbound exit slip road at Junction 16;

"the slip roads" mean (a) the eastbound entry slip road and the westbound exit slip road at M4 Junction 17; and (b) the westbound entry slip road and the eastbound exit slip road at M4 Junction 16;

"the works" mean the demolition of an access bridge and the erection of new steel girders;

"tip of the nosing" means the last point where an exit slip road leaves the carriageway of a motorway or the first point where an entry slip road joins the carriageway of a motorway;

"overall width" has the meaning given in regulation 3(2) of the Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1986(**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. 1986 / 1078, to which there are amendments not relevant to this Order;

"the works period" means the period starting at 00.01 hours on 4 January 2010 and ending when the said works have been completed;

"a works period" means a period of 8 hours starting at 22.00 hours on Saturday 30 January 2010 or any subsequent Saturday and ending when the said works have been completed;

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 article 6, no person shall, during the works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on the first length of the M4.

4. Subject as mentioned in articles 6 and 7, no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle with an overall width exceeding 2.5 metres to enter or proceed in any lane other than the left hand lane or middle lane of the first length of the M4.

5. Subject as mentioned in articles 6 and 7 no person shall, during a works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the second length of the M4 and the slip roads.

6. The provisions of articles 3, 4 and 5 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) a vehicle being used for police, fire and rescue authority or ambulance purposes;

(b) anything done at the direction of, or with the permission of, a police officer in uniform.

7. The provisions of articles 4 and 5 shall not apply to a vehicle being used in connection with the said works, for traffic officer purposes or for winter maintenance purposes.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

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30 December 2009