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ROAD TRAFFIC

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

Made - - - -	*11 November 2009*
Coming into force - -	*13 November 2009*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M4 Motorway ("the M4"), is satisfied that traffic on a length of that motorway between Junctions 16 and 17 in Wiltshire should be 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 Restriction of Traffic) Order 2009 and shall come into force on 13 November 2009.

2. In this Order –

"the M4" means –

(i) the eastbound carriageway of the M4 between a point 500 metres east of the centre of the unclassified road Hook Overbridge to the tip of the nosing of the eastbound exit slip road at M4 Junction 16;

(ii) the westbound carriageway of the M4 between the tip of the nosing of the westbound entry slip road at M4 Junction 16 and a point 500 metres east of the centre of the unclassified road Hook Overbridge;

"the works" mean ground investigation works (involving excavation works and the concrete coring of pier and footings) to determine the presence of Thaumasite sulphate attack to bridge columns and foundations;

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

"the works period" means the period starting at 00.01 hours on Monday 16 November 2009 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.

(**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.

3. Subject as mentioned in article 5, no person shall, during the works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour in the M4.

4. Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 6, no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle with an overall width exceeding 6 feet 6 inches to enter or proceed in the offside lane (lane 3) of the M4.

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

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

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

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