STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2017 No. 854

ROAD TRAFFIC

The M48 Motorway (Severn Bridge) (Temporary Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2017

Made - - - -	*22nd August 2017*
Coming into force - -	*25th August 2017*

The Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M48 Motorway ("the M48") and connecting roads, is satisfied that traffic on lengths of that motorway in South Gloucestershire, the County of Gloucestershire and the County of Monmouthshire should be prohibited for the purpose of facilitating the holding of a relevant event.

The Secretary of State for Transport is further satisfied that it is not reasonably practicable for the event to be held otherwise than on a road.

The Secretary of State for Transport, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 16A(2)(a) and 124(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act(**a**), makes the following Order:

1. This Order may be cited as the M48 Motorway (Severn Bridge) (Temporary Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2017 and shall come into force on 25th August 2017.

2. In this Order –

"the M48" means (i) the westbound carriageway of the M48 over the Severn Bridge from the tip of the nosing of the westbound exit slip road at Junction 1 to the tip of the nosing of the westbound entry slip road at Junction 2; and (ii) the eastbound carriageway of the M48 over the Severn Bridge from the tip of the nosing of the eastbound exit slip road at Junction 2 to the tip of the nosing of the eastbound entry slip road at Junction 1;

"the slip roads" mean (i) the eastbound entry slip road at M48 Junction 2; and (ii) the westbound entry slip road at M48 Junction 1;

"the footpath / cycle track" mean the footpath / cycle track adjacent to the M48 eastbound between Junctions 2 and 1;

"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;

"authorised traffic" means traffic classes, as specified in Schedule 4 to the Highways Act 1980(**b**): (a) Class VII – pedal cycles; (b) Class IX – pedestrians, perambulators, push-chairs

(**a**) 1984 c.27. Section 16A was inserted by the Road Traffic Regulation (Special Events) Act 1994 (c.11), section 1(1), and has been amended by the Infrastructure Act 2015 (c. 7) paragraph 75 of Schedule 1. Section 124 has been amended by the Road Traffic Regulation (Special Events) Act 1994, paragraph 2 of Schedule 1. There are further amendments to sections 16A and 124 which are not relevant to this Order.

(**b**) 1980 c. 66.

and other forms of baby carriages and dogs held on a lead; (c) Class X – motor cycles where the engine cylinder size is less than 50 cubic centimetres; and (d) Class XI – invalid carriages;

"event" means the Severn Bridge Half Marathon;

"a first event period" means a period of 4 hours starting at 07:30 hours on Sunday 27th August 2017;

"a second event period" means a period of 6 hours starting at 09:00 hours on Sunday 27th August 2017;

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 to article 5, no person shall, during a first event period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the M48 and the slip roads.

4. Subject to article 5, no authorised traffic, as defined in article 2 above, shall enter or proceed in the footpath / cycle track during the second event period.

5. 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) A vehicle being used for police, traffic officer, fire and rescue authority or ambulance purposes;

(b) Anything done at the direction of, or with the permission of, a constable or traffic officer in uniform.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

CJ Miller
A Senior Civil Servant in the
Department for Transport

22nd August 2017

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order authorises the temporary prohibition of traffic on the M48 Motorway (Severn Bridge) on the 25th August 2017 to facilitate the holding of the Severn Bridge Half Marathon.

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