

POLICY NOTE

THE M74 MOTORWAY (FULLARTON ROAD TO THE M8 WEST OF KINGSTON BRIDGE) (SPEED LIMIT) REGULATIONS 2012

SSI 2012/320

The above instrument was made in exercise of powers conferred by section 17(2), (3) and (3ZA) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The instrument is subject to the negative procedure.

Policy Objectives

The M74 Motorway (Fullarton Road to the M8 West of Kingston Bridge) (Speed Limit) Regulations 2012 will allow the enforcement of 60mph and 50 mph speed limits on the new M74 Special Road (and 30 mph speed limits on some sections of slip roads) from Fullarton Road to its junction with the M8 motorway west of Kingston Bridge, with effect from 28th December 2012. Presently, speed limits are applied to the roads in question by the M74 Motorway (Fullarton Road to the M8 Motorway West of Kingston Bridge) (Temporary Speed Restriction) Order 2011 (S.S.I. 2011/275).

Background

The M74 Completion Project was constructed as a trunk road scheme, and completed the missing link between the end of the existing M74 at Fullarton Road and the M8 west of the Kingston Bridge, providing eight kilometres of 3 lane motorway. A range of speed limits have been applied to the road by temporary order and regulations are now required to make permanent provision for speed limits.

Consultation

In accordance with section 17(3A) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the Scottish Ministers determined it appropriate to consult Strathclyde Police, Glasgow City and South Lanarkshire Councils.

Financial Effects

There are no costs associated with this instrument.

Impact

The Regulations make no changes to the present operation of the M74 Special Road and there will be therefore be no impact on businesses or road users. Therefore, no Business and Regulatory Impact Assessment (BRIA) was necessary.

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Transport Scotland
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