
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations place a prohibition on the use of the free flow link road bypassing the Chain Bar Roundabout and connecting the M606 southbound exit slip road with the M62 eastbound entry slip road (the car share lane). Motor cars, taxis and goods vehicles all require at least two people in them including the driver, to use the car share lane. Heavy commercial vehicles are not permitted at all to use the car share lane. There is no prohibition on the use of the car share lane by motorcycles, buses and coaches.

There are exceptions to the prohibition where a restricted vehicle is directed to the car share lane by the police, traffic officers or traffic signs; where necessary to avoid an accident; where necessary to access an emergency refuge area and for vehicles used by traffic officers, the emergency services and for certain works on the motorway.

It is an offence to use a special road in contravention of regulations made under section 17(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

A copy of the impact assessment prepared in respect of these Regulations can be obtained from Paul Thomas, Highways Agency, Lateral, 8 City Walk, Leeds LS11 9AT. A copy has been placed in the library of each House of Parliament and is also annexed to the Explanatory Memorandum which is available alongside the instrument on the OPSI website.