

2011 No. 3126

ROAD TRAFFIC

The M61 Motorway (Kearsley Spur Southbound Carriageway and Southbound Entry Slip Road from the A666) (Temporary Prohibition and Restriction of Traffic) Order 2011

Made - - - - 29th December 2011

Coming into force - - 2nd January 2012

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M61 Motorway and its slip roads, is satisfied that traffic on that motorway and on one of those slip roads in the District of Bolton in Greater Manchester 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 M61 Motorway (Kearsley Spur Southbound Carriageway and Southbound Entry Slip Road from the A666) (Temporary Prohibition and Restriction of Traffic) Order 2011 and shall come into force on 2nd January 2012.

2. In this Order;

“works” means resurfacing, retexturing, road marking and stud replacement works on the slip road

“the works period” means ten weekday nights between 2200 hours and 0500 hours during a period starting on Tuesday 3 January 2012 and ending on Saturday 4 February 2012.

However, work may start and continue between the same times on subsequent weekday nights or continue overnight until completed, for such period not exceeding 18 months as shall be required to complete the work;

“the length of carriageway” means the southbound carriageway of the M61 Kearsley Spur from the start of the motorway to a point 485 metres south of its diverge with the M61 southbound link road to the A580 eastbound;

“the slip road” means the entry slip road leading to the southbound carriageway of the M61 Kearsley Spur from the A666 Kearsley roundabout;

(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

3. Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 6 of this Order, during the works period, no person shall cause or permit any vehicle to be driven in the length of carriageway at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour.
4. Subject as mentioned in article 5 of this Order, during the works period, no person shall cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the slip road.
5. The provisions of articles 3 and 4 of this Order shall apply only at such times and to such extent as shall from time to time be indicated by traffic signs and shall not apply to any vehicle being used for emergency purposes by the police, fire and rescue or ambulance services, vehicles being used in connection with the works, or by traffic officers, or to any vehicle proceeding at the direction, or with the permission, of a constable, or a traffic officer in uniform.

Nothing in Article 4 of this Order shall apply to vehicles being used in connection with the said works, or by traffic officers.

6. No speed limit imposed by this Order applies to vehicles falling within regulation 3(4) of the Road Traffic Exemptions (Special Forces) (Variation and Amendment) Regulations 2011(a) when used in accordance with regulation 3(5) of those Regulations.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

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