STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2015 No. 1157

ROAD TRAFFIC

The M40 Motorway (Junctions 1 to 5) (Temporary Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2015

Made - - - -	*23rd February 2015*
Coming into force - -	*2nd March 2015*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M40 Motorway ("the M40") and connecting roads, is satisfied that traffic on several lengths of that motorway and on some of those connecting roads, in the Districts of South Buckinghamshire and Wycombe in the County of Buckinghamshire and the District of South Oxfordshire in the County of Oxfordshire, should be prohibited because works are proposed to be executed thereon and nearby; and whereas the Secretary of State for Transport in accordance with section 14(3) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(**a**) has had regard to the existence of alternative routes suitable for the traffic which will be affected by this Order:

NOW, THEREFORE, the Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 14(1)(a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 hereby makes the following Order:-

1. This Order may be cited as the M40 Motorway (Junctions 1 to 5) (Temporary Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2015 and shall come into force on 2nd March 2015 and remain in force until 31st May 2015.

2. In this Order:

"the tip of the nosing" means, as indicated by the markings on the carriageway, the first point where an entry slip road joins, or the last point where an exit slip road leaves, the carriageway of the M40;

"the works period" means periods overnight between 22:00 hours and 06:00 (continuing to 07.00 hours on Saturday and Sunday mornings) during a period starting on Thursday 5th March 2015 and ending on 31st May 2015 when the works have been completed; and

"works" mean routine annual maintenance works including carriageway patching repairs and sweeping, ditch and drainage cleaning, litter picking, tree and vegetation cutting, road marking renewal, lighting maintenance, motorway communications, defect repair, inspection of the assets including structures and safety fence repair works on both the main carriageway and connecting roads of the M40;

3. Subject as mentioned in article 5 of this Order no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any motor vehicle to enter or proceed in the lengths of carriageway described in Part 1 of the Schedule to this Order.

(**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.