STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2010 No. 173

ROAD TRAFFIC

The Motorway M1 and Westlink A12 (Speed Limits and Variable Speed Limits) Order (Northern Ireland) 2010

Made - - - -	*30th April 2010*
Coming into operation -	*24th May 2010*

The Department for Regional Development(a) makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 37(3)(a) and 38(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation (Northern Ireland) Order 1997(b) and now vested in it(c).

The Department has consulted such persons as it considered appropriate in compliance with paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 5 to that Order.

The Department has published a Notice in compliance with paragraphs 1 and 3 of that Schedule.

No written objection or other representation has been received.

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Motorway M1 and Westlink A12 (Speed Limits and Variable Speed Limits) Order (Northern Ireland) 2010 and shall come into operation on 24th May 2010.

Speed restriction on roads

2. The Department directs that the length of road specified in Schedule 1 shall be a restricted road.

Application of speed limits

3. Subject to Article 4 the driving of motor vehicles at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on the roads and lengths of road specified in Schedule 2 is prohibited.

Speed limits on relevant roads

4.—(1) Subject to paragraph (3) where a motor vehicle being driven on any part of the relevant roads passes a speed limit sign no person shall during the relevant period, drive the vehicle on any part of the relevant roads at a speed exceeding the relevant speed.

(**a**) S.I. 1999/283 (N.I. 1) Article 3(1)
(**b**) S.I. 1997/276 (N.I. 2)
(**c**) S.R. 1999 No. 481 Article 6(*d*) and Schedule 4 Part IV

(2) For the purposes of this Article, a vehicle shall not be regarded as passing a speed limit sign unless the sign is—

(a) on or near any part of the relevant roads; and

(b) directed at traffic on the carriageway on which the vehicle is being driven.

(3) If—

(a) a motor vehicle being driven on any part of the relevant roads passes a speed limit sign at a particular location; and

(b) apart from this paragraph, the vehicle would be subject to a speed limit by virtue of this Article, but would not have been subject to a speed limit by virtue of this Article had it passed that location ten seconds earlier than was in fact the case,

the vehicle shall not be subject to any speed limit by virtue of this Article until that vehicle again passes a speed limit sign.

(4) In this Article—

"the 1997 Regulations" means the Traffic Signs Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997(a);

"relevant roads" means the lengths of road specified in Schedule 3;

"national speed limit" has the meaning given by regulation 3(2) of the 1997 Regulations;

"relevant period" means the period that begins immediately after the vehicle passes the speed limit sign and ends immediately before the vehicle passes a traffic sign which indicates that the national speed limit or any different maximum speed limit is in operation.

"relevant speed" means the maximum speed indicated by the speed limit sign at the time that the vehicle passes it, or, if higher, the maximum speed indicated by the speed limit sign ten seconds before that time; and

"speed limit sign" means a traffic sign of the type shown in diagram 670 in Schedule 2 to the 1997 Regulations which indicates that a specified maximum speed limit is in operation.

Revocations

5. The provisions described in Schedule 4 are revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Regional Development on 30th April 2010

(L.S.)

D J Millar
A senior officer of the Department for Regional Development

(**a**) S.R. 1997 No 386 to which there are no relevant amendments

SCHEDULE 1

Article 2

Road subject to a speed limit of 30 mph

650 metres of segregated road extending in a generally northerly direction from its junction with the A12 Broadway Roundabout to its junction with the U0637 Roden Street.

SCHEDULE 2

Article 3

Roads and lengths of road subject to a speed limit of 50 mph

1. The north-bound carriageway of the M1 Motorway from gantry M1/0008B to its junction with the A12 Westlink.
2. The north-bound carriageway of the A12 Westlink, from its junction with the M1 Motorway to a point 40 metres west of its junction with York Street.
3. The north-bound off-slip road from the M1 Motorway to the Donegall Road Roundabout adjacent to the Broadway Roundabout.
4. The north-bound on-slip road from Broadway Roundabout to the A12 Westlink.
5. The north-bound off-slip road from the A12 Westlink for a length of 105 metres to Mulhouse Road.
6. Mulhouse Road and the north-bound on-slip road for a length of 172 metres to the A12 Westlink.
7. The north-bound off-slip road from the A12 Westlink to Grosvenor Road.
8. The north-bound off-slip road from the A12 Westlink to Divis Street.
9. The north-bound on-slip road from Divis Street to the A12 Westlink.
10. The north-bound off-slip road from the A12 Westlink to Clifton Street.
11. The north-bound on-slip road from Clifton Street to the A12 Westlink.
12. The south-bound carriageway of the A12 Westlink from a point 29 metres west of its junction with York Street to its junction with the M1 Motorway.
13. The south-bound carriageway of the M1 Motorway from its junction with the A12 Westlink to gantry M1/0008A.
14. The south-bound off-slip road from the A12 Westlink to Clifton Street.
15. The south-bound on-slip road from Clifton Street to the A12 Westlink.
16. The south-bound off-slip road from the A12 Westlink to Divis Street.
17. The south-bound on-slip road from Divis Street to the A12 Westlink.
18. The south-bound on-slip road from Grosvenor Road to the A12 Westlink.
19. The south-bound busway on-slip road from its junction with the north-bound segregated busway to the A12 Westlink.
20. The south-bound off-slip road from the A12 Westlink to Broadway Roundabout.
21. The south-bound on-slip road from Broadway Roundabout to the M1 Motorway.