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Dear

Freedom of Information Request – M6, Junctions 26 – 27

I am writing to confirm that we have now completed our search for the information about the M6 between junctions 26 and 27, which you requested on 5 September 2018.

A copy of the information is below:

1. I can confirm that Highways England are responsible for this stretch of motorway
2. The notification regarding the temporary speed limit on the M6 between junctions 26 and 27 was published in the Lancashire Evening Post on 8 June 2018. Please note that we are not required to place notices regarding temporary restriction and prohibition of traffic orders in the London Gazette.
3. I have enclosed a copy of the order as requested.

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If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote reference number 765696 in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

Divisional Management Team – Operations Directorate

HIGHWAYS ENGLAND COMPANY LIMITED
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14
THE M6 MOTORWAY (JUNCTION 26-27 NORTHBOUND AND
SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAYS AND SLIP ROADS)
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTION AND PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER
2018

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Highways England Company Limited (Company No.09346363) has made an Order on the M6 Motorway in the Borough of Wigan in the County of Greater Manchester, to enable crossover, waterproofing, resurfacing, drainage and joint works, renewal of road markings and road studs, and other general maintenance works to be carried out in safety.

- a) The Order will impose a 40 mph or 50 mph speed restriction as indicated by speed limit signs on the following:
- i. the M6 northbound carriageway, from a point 408 metres north of the centreline of Orrell Post overbridge, to a point 152 metres north of the centreline of Miles Lane overbridge;
 - ii. the M6 southbound carriageway, from a point 467 metres south of the centreline of White Hill Footbridge, to a point 1031 metres north of the centreline of Orrell Post overbridge;
 - iii. the M6 northbound carriageway, from a point 595 metres south of the centreline of Orrell Post overbridge, to a point 408 metres north of the centreline of Orrell Post overbridge;
 - iv. the M6 southbound carriageway, from a point 597 metres north of the centreline of White Hill Footbridge, to a point 467 metres south of the centreline of White Hill Footbridge;
 - v. the M6 northbound carriageway, from a point 495 metres south of the centreline of Orrell Post overbridge, to a point 152 metres north of the centreline of Miles Lane overbridge;
 - vi. the M6 southbound carriageway, from a point 597 metres north of the centreline of White Hill Footbridge, to a point 1031 metres north of the centreline of Orrell Post overbridge;
 - vii. the M6 junction 26 northbound entry slip road;
 - viii. the M6 junction 27 southbound entry slip road.
- b) The Order will ban all traffic from the following sections of the M6 Motorway and slip roads:
- i. the northbound carriageway, from the last point where the junction 26 exit slip road leaves the carriageway, to the first point where the junction 27 entry slip road joins the carriageway;
 - ii. the southbound carriageway, from the last point where the junction 27 exit slip road leaves the carriageway, to the first point where the junction 26 entry slip road joins the carriageway;
 - iii. the northbound carriageway, from a point 1065 metres north of the centreline of Orrell Post overbridge, to a point 50 metres south of the centreline of Miles Lane overbridge;
 - iv. the southbound carriageway, from a point 198 metres north of the centreline of

- Miles Lane overbridge, to a point 1234 metres north of the centreline of Orrell Post overbridge;
- v. the northbound entry slip road at junction 26;
 - vi. the southbound entry slip road at junction 27;
 - vii. the northbound exit slip road at junction 27;
 - viii. the southbound exit slip road at junction 26;
- c) The Order will allow the hardshoulder adjacent to the lengths of carriageway described at b) iii and iv above to be used as running lanes. A 50 miles per hour speed restriction will be in force on the hardshoulder when used as a running lane.
- d) The Order will prohibit all traffic on the following sections on the M6:
- i. the northbound carriageway, from a point 1565 metres north of the centreline of Orrell Post overbridge, to a point 346 metres south of the centreline of Miles Lane overbridge. During the closure of the section of the northbound carriageway, northbound traffic will be directed to cross over onto the southbound carriageway where a contraflow system will be in place.
 - ii. the southbound carriageway, from a point 346 metres south of the centreline of Miles Lane overbridge, to a point 1565 metres north of the centreline of Orrell Post overbridge. During the closure of the section of the southbound carriageway, southbound traffic will be directed to cross over onto the northbound carriageway where a contraflow system will be in place.
- e) The Order will impose a width restriction of 1.95 metres (6 feet 6 inches) in lanes as indicated by traffic signs, on sections of the M6 Motorway described at b) iii and iv above.

Restrictions (a) v, vi, vii and viii and prohibitions (b) are expected to take place overnight between 22:00 hours and 05:00 hours (continuing to 07:00 hours on Saturday and Sunday mornings), during a period starting on Monday 11 June 2018 and ending on Sunday 30 September 2018. However, works may start and continue between the same times on subsequent nights, or continue until completed.

Restrictions (a) i, ii, iii, iv, vii, viii, (c), (e) and prohibition (d) are expected to be in place during a continuous period starting at 00:01 hours on Monday 11 June 2018 and ending at 05:00 hours on Sunday 30 September 2018. However, works may start and continue beyond these dates until completed.

Diversion routes via alternative junctions of the M6 and local roads will be well signed.

The restrictions will not apply to emergency services or special-forces vehicles, and the prohibitions will not apply to emergency services, works, winter maintenance or traffic officer vehicles. The restrictions and prohibitions will only apply during such times and to such extent as shall from time to time be indicated by traffic signs. The Order comes into force on 10 June 2018 and has a maximum duration of eighteen months. For further information please contact Sam Smith Telephone Number: 0300 470 6019.

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