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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2021 No. 82**

**ROAD TRAFFIC  
SPECIAL ROADS**

**The M271 Motorway (Junction 1 to Redbridge  
Roundabout) (Fixed Speed Limits) Regulations 2021**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>26th January 2021</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>28th January 2021</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>18th February 2021</i>

The Secretary of State makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by section 17(2) and (3) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(1).

Representative organisations have been consulted in accordance with section 134(2) of that Act.

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the M271 Motorway (Junction 1 to Redbridge Roundabout) (Fixed Speed Limits) Regulations 2021 and come into force on 18th February 2021.

**Interpretation**

2. In these Regulations—

“carriageway” and “motorway” have the same meaning as in the Motorways Traffic (England and Wales) Regulations 1982(2);

“the 50mph length of carriageway” means that length of the southbound carriageway of the M271 from the point 80 metres south of the centre line of the northern bridge of the Nursling Interchange to the 115m point;

“the 40mph length of carriageway” means that length of the southbound carriageway of the M271 from the 115m point to the end point;

“M271” means the motorway known by that name;

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(1) 1984 c.27; section 17(2) was amended by the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 (c.22), Schedule 8, Part 2, paragraph 28(3); section 17(2)(b) was amended by the Road Traffic Act 1991 (c.40), Schedule 8; section 17(2)(d) was inserted by the Road Traffic Act 1991 (c.40), Schedule 4, paragraph 25. There are other amendments to sections 17 and 134 which are not relevant to these Regulations.

(2) S.I. 1982/1163, relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1983/374, 1984/1479, 1992/1364, 1995/158, 2004/3258, 2015/392.

“the Nursling Interchange” means the circular intersection at junction 1 of the M271;  
“the on-slip road” means the road at junction 1 of the M271 intended for the use of traffic entering the southbound carriageway of the M271 from the Nursling Interchange;  
“the 115m point” means the point 115 metres north of the end point;  
“the Redbridge roundabout” means the circular intersection of the M271 and the trunk roads known as the A33 and A35; and  
“the end point” means the point at which the southbound carriageway of the M271 merges with the Redbridge roundabout.

**Fixed speed limits**

3. No person shall drive a vehicle on the 40mph length of carriageway at a speed exceeding 40 miles per hour.
4. No person shall drive a vehicle at a speed exceeding 50mph on—
  - (a) the 50mph length of carriageway; or
  - (b) that length of the on-slip road from the point 80 metres south of the point where the road diverges from the Nursling Interchange to the point at which the road merges with the 50mph length of carriageway.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

26th January 2021

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Parliamentary Under Secretary of State  
Department for Transport

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations introduce fixed speed limits on the M271 motorway in the vicinity of junction 1. The carriageway southbound from junction 1 (and part of the on-slip road joining it) is subject to a 50mph speed limit until it nears the end of the motorway when a 40mph speed limit then applies.

Contravention of these Regulations is an offence under section 17(4) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

An impact assessment has not been prepared for these Regulations as no significant impact on the cost of business or the voluntary sector is foreseen. An Explanatory Memorandum is published alongside the Regulations at [www.legislation.gov.uk](http://www.legislation.gov.uk).