

2011 No. 18 (W. 11)

ROAD TRAFFIC, WALES

**The A48 Trunk Road & M4
Motorway (River Neath Bridge &
Briton Ferry Dock Viaduct, Neath
Port Talbot) (Temporary Traffic
Restrictions & Prohibitions) Order
2011**

Made 6 January 2011

Coming into force 17 January 2011

The Welsh Ministers, being the traffic authority for the relevant lengths of the London – Fishguard Trunk Road (A48) (hereinafter referred to as “the trunk road”) and the London – South Wales Motorway (M4) (hereinafter referred to as “the motorway”), are satisfied that traffic in specified lengths of the trunk road and motorway should be prohibited or restricted by reason of works proposed to be executed thereon.

The Welsh Ministers, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by section 14(1) and (4) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(1) and of all other enabling powers(2), make this Order.

1. This Order comes into force on the 17 January 2011 and its title is The A48 Trunk Road & M4 Motorway (River Neath Bridge & Briton Ferry Dock Viaduct, Neath Port Talbot) (Temporary Traffic Restrictions & Prohibitions) Order 2011.

2. —(1) In this Order:

“exempted vehicle” (“*cerbyd esempt*”) means any vehicle being used for or in connection with the works giving rise to this Order;

“the lengths of the trunk road” (“*y darnau o’r gefnffordd*”) means those lengths of the A48 trunk road specified in the Schedules to this Order;

“the length of the motorway” (“*y darn o’r draffordd*”) means the length of the M4 motorway specified in paragraph 2 of Schedule 3 to this Order;

“works period” (“*cyfnod y gwaith*”) means that period commencing at 20:00 hours on 17 January 2011 and ending when the temporary traffic signs are removed permanently.

(2) Any reference in this Order to a numbered article or Schedule is a reference to the article or Schedule bearing that number in this Order.

3. Subject to the provisions of article 7, no person shall, during the works period, drive or cause or permit any vehicle to be driven, other than an exempted vehicle, in either the eastbound or westbound carriageway of the length of the trunk road specified in Schedule 1 to this Order.

4. Subject to the provisions of article 7, no person shall, during the works period, ride or cause to be ridden any pedal cycle in the lengths of the cycleway/footpath specified in Schedule 2 to this Order.

5. Subject to the provisions of article 7, no pedestrian shall, during the works period, proceed in the lengths of the footpath/cycleway specified in Schedule 2 to this Order.

6. Subject to the provisions of article 7, no person shall, during the works period, drive or cause or permit any vehicle to proceed at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour in the lengths of the trunk road and motorway specified in Schedule 3 to this Order.

7. The provisions of articles 3 to 6 apply only at such times and to such extent as the prohibitions and restrictions referred to therein are indicated by traffic signs.

8. The maximum duration for this Order shall be 18 months.

Signed under authority of the Minister for the Economy and Transport, one of the Welsh Ministers.

Dated the

6 January 2011

J COLLINS

Deputy Director, Infrastructure Delivery
Welsh Assembly Government

- (1) 1984 c.27; Section 14 was substituted by the Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Act 1991 (c.26), section 1(1) and Schedule 1.
- (2) By virtue of S.I. 1999/672, article 2 and Schedule 1, and paragraph 30 of Schedule 11 to the Government of Wales Act 2006, these powers are now exercisable by the Welsh Ministers in relation to Wales.

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1

Prohibition of vehicles

The lengths of the eastbound and westbound carriageways of the trunk road that extend from Earlswood Interchange to Briton Ferry Roundabout.

SCHEDULE 2

Prohibition of cyclists and pedestrians

The lengths of the eastbound and westbound footpaths/cycleways that extend from Earlswood Interchange to Briton Ferry Roundabout.

SCHEDULE 3

50 mph speed limit

The length of the trunk road that extends from its junction with the A483 to a point 500 metres east of Briton Ferry Roundabout, including the main circulatory carriageway of the said Roundabout.

The length of the eastbound exit slip road of the motorway at Junction 42 (Earlswood) that extends from the physical nosing at the start of the slip road to its junction with the A48.