

2012 No. 141 (W. 18)

ROAD TRAFFIC, WALES

The A55 Trunk Road
(Penmaenbach Tunnel, Conwy
County Borough) (Temporary
Traffic Restrictions & Prohibitions)
Order 2012

Made 20 January 2012

Coming into force 29 January 2012

The Welsh Ministers, being the traffic authority for the relevant lengths of the Chester – Bangor Trunk Road (A55) (hereinafter referred to as “the trunk road”) are satisfied that traffic in specified lengths of the trunk road should be restricted or prohibited 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), (4) and (7) 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 29 January 2012 and its title is The A55 Trunk Road (Penmaenbach Tunnel, Conwy County Borough) (Temporary Traffic Restrictions & Prohibitions) Order 2012.

2. —(1) In this Order:

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

“length(s) of the trunk road” (*“y darn(au) o’r gefnffordd”*) means those lengths of the A55 trunk road specified in Schedules 1 to 6 to this Order;

“works period” (*“cyfnod y gwaith”*) means a period of a maximum of 14 days from 00:01 hours on each of the dates specified in Schedule 7 to this Order.

(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 9, no person shall, during the works period, drive or cause or permit to be driven any vehicle, other than an exempted vehicle, in either the eastbound or westbound carriageways of the length of the trunk road specified in Schedule 1 to this Order.

4. —(1) Whilst vehicle movement is, by article 3, prohibited in the eastbound carriageway, but pursuant to article 9, not prohibited in the westbound carriageway, no person shall drive so as to cause or permit any motor vehicle to:

- (a) proceed in the offside lane of the westbound carriageway in any direction other than eastwards;
- (b) proceed in any direction other than eastwards through either of the gaps in the central reservation of the length of the trunk road specified in Schedule 3 to this Order.

(2) Whilst movement is, by article 3, prohibited in the westbound carriageway, but pursuant to article 9, not prohibited in the eastbound carriageway, no person shall drive so as to cause or permit any motor vehicle to:-

- (a) proceed in the offside lane of the eastbound carriageway in any direction other than westwards;
- (b) overtake any motor vehicle in the length of the trunk road specified in Schedule 2 to this Order;
- (c) proceed in any direction other than westwards through either of the gaps in the central reservation of the length of the trunk road specified in Schedule 3 to this Order.

5. Subject to the provisions of article 9, no person shall, during the works period, drive, cause or permit any motor vehicle to be driven at a speed exceeding 40 miles per hour in the lengths of the trunk road specified in Schedule 4 to this Order.

6. Subject to the provisions of article 9, no person shall, during the works period, drive, cause or permit any motor vehicle to be driven at a speed exceeding 30 miles per hour in the lengths of the trunk road specified in Schedule 6 to this Order, insofar as they relate to such times as the westbound carriageway is closed in accordance with article 3.

7. Subject to the provisions of article 9, no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle with a width exceeding 3.2 metres to proceed in the lengths of the trunk road specified in Schedule 5 to this Order.

8. Subject to the provisions of article 9, no person shall, during the works period, drive or cause or permit any vehicle to be driven, other than an exempted vehicle, in the lengths of the trunk road specified in Schedule 4 to this Order.

9. The provisions of articles 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 shall apply only at such times and to such extent as the application of the prohibitions and restrictions referred to therein is indicated by traffic signs.

10. The provisions of the Trunk Road (A55) (Penmaenbach - Dwygyfylchi, Gwynedd) (One-Way Traffic) Order 1990(3) are hereby suspended insofar as they relate to the offside lane of the westbound carriageway of the length of the trunk road specified in Schedule 1 during such times as the eastbound carriageway is closed in accordance with article 3 and to the offside lane of the eastbound carriageway of the length of the trunk road specified in Schedule 1 during such times as the westbound carriageway is closed in accordance with that article.

11. The provisions of the A55 Trunk Road (Penmaenbach Tunnel, Gwynedd) (Closure of Central Reservation Crossings) Order 1994(4) are hereby suspended during such times as the prohibition specified in article 3 is in operation.

12. The provisions of the A55 Trunk Road (Penmaenmawr – Conwy Morfa, Conwy) (Derestriction) Order 2004(5) are hereby suspended in respect of the lengths of the trunk road specified in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of Schedule 4 during such times as the restrictions specified in article 5 are in operation.

13. The provisions of the Special Road Order (Glan Conwy to Conwy Morfa) Regulations 1990(6) are hereby suspended in respect of the lengths of the trunk road specified in paragraphs 1 and 3 of Schedule 4 during such times as the restrictions specified in article 5 are in operation.

14. The provisions of the A55 Trunk Road (Penmaenmawr, Gwynedd) (Derestriction) Order 1989(7) are hereby suspended in respect of the length of the trunk road specified in paragraph 2 of Schedule 4 during such times as the restrictions specified in article 5 are in operation.

15. The provisions of the A55 Trunk Road (Glan Conwy - Conwy Morfa, Conwy County Borough) (Temporary 70mph Speed Limit) Order 2011⁽⁸⁾ are hereby suspended in respect of the lengths of the trunk road specified in paragraphs 1 and 3 of Schedule 4 during such times as the restriction specified in article 5 are in operation.

16. The maximum duration for this Order shall be 12 months.

Signed under authority of the Minister for Local Government and Communities, one of the Welsh Ministers.

Dated the 20 January 2012

GARETH MORGAN
Head of Infrastructure Specialist Services
Welsh 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 of the Government of Wales Act 2006, these powers are now exercisable by the Welsh Ministers in relation to Wales.
- (3) S.I. 1990/328
- (4) S.I. 1994/3088
- (5) S.I. 2004/2876
- (6) S.I. 1990/1586
- (7) S.I. 1989/1958
- (8) S.I. 2011/2330 (W.245)

SCHEDULES

Lengths of Trunk Road at Penmaenbach in the County Borough of Conwy.

SCHEDULE 1 **Limits of the contraflow**

That length of the trunk road which extends from a point 320 metres west of the western portal of the Penmaenbach Westbound Tunnel to a point 130 metres east of the eastern portal of the said tunnel.

SCHEDULE 2 **Limits of the no overtaking restriction**

That length of the eastbound (headland) carriageway which extends from a point 320 metres west of the western portal of the Penmaenbach Westbound Tunnel to a point 130 metres east of the eastern portal of the said tunnel.

SCHEDULE 3
Limits of the central reserve gaps

1. The gap in the central reservation situated between a point 130 metres east of the eastern portal of the Penmaenbach Westbound Tunnel and a point 65 metres east of the said portal.
2. The gap in the central reservation situated between a point 210 metres west of the western portal of the Penmaenbach Westbound Tunnel and a point 320 metres west of the said portal.

SCHEDULE 4
Prohibition of all vehicles during closure and a speed limit of 40 mph

1. That length of the westbound carriageway which extends from the central reservation at a point 50 metres west of the western portal of Conwy Tunnel to the centrepoint of Junction 16 Puffin Roundabout, including the westbound on and off slip roads at Junction 17 Conwy Morfa and the central reserve gap as defined in paragraph 2 of Schedule 3 to this Order.
2. That length of the eastbound carriageway which extends from the centrepoint of Red Gables Viaduct overbridge to the central reserve at a point 191 metres west of the western portal of Penmaenbach Eastbound Headland Tunnel, including the central reserve gap as defined in paragraph 2 of Schedule 3 to this Order.
3. That length of the eastbound carriageway which extends from the central reservation at a point 787 metres east of the eastern portal of the Penmaenbach eastbound Headland Tunnel, to a point 50 metres west of the western portal of Conwy Tunnel, including the eastbound on and off slip roads at Junction 17 Conwy Morfa.

SCHEDULE 5
Vehicle width restrictions

1. That length of the eastbound carriageway which extends from a point 30 metres east of the centrepoint of Junction 16, Puffin Roundabout to the end of the nose where the eastbound on slip road merges with the main A55 carriageway at Junction 18, Llandudno Junction Interchange.
2. That length of the westbound carriageway which extends from the start of the nose where the westbound off slip road diverges from the main A55 carriageway at Junction 18, Llandudno Junction Interchange to a point 30 metres east of the centrepoint of Junction 16,

Puffin Roundabout, including the westbound on slip road at Junction 18.

SCHEDULE 6
Extension of the Headland 30mph Speed
Restriction

That length of the westbound carriageway and central reserve gap which extends from between a point 130 metres east of the eastern portal of the Penmaenbach Westbound Tunnel and a point 65 metres east of the said portal.

SCHEDULE 7
Dates

Sunday 29 January 2012
Sunday 20 May 2012
Sunday 8 July 2012
Sunday 21 October 2012