

2012 No. 3218 (W. 320)

ROAD TRAFFIC, WALES

**The A48 & A483 Trunk Roads &
M4 Motorway (Pont Abraham
Roundabout and its Approaches,
Carmarthenshire) (Temporary
Traffic Restrictions & Prohibition)
(No.2) Order 2012**

Made 27 December 2012

Coming into force 7 January 2013

The Welsh Ministers, being the traffic authority for the relevant length of the London – Fishguard Trunk Road (A48), the Swansea – Manchester Trunk Road (A483) (hereinafter referred to as “the trunk road(s)”) and the London – South Wales Motorway (M4) (hereinafter referred to as “the motorway”), are satisfied that traffic in specified lengths of the trunk roads and motorway 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) and (4) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(1) and of all other enabling powers(2), make this Order.

Title, Interpretation and Commencement

1. This Order comes into force on 7 January 2013 and its title is The A48 & A483 Trunk Roads & M4 Motorway (Pont Abraham Roundabout and its Approaches, Carmarthenshire) (Temporary Traffic Restrictions & Prohibition) (No.2) Order 2012.

2. —(1) In this Order:

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

“the lengths of the trunk roads” (*“y darnau o’r cefnffyrdd”*) means those lengths of the A48 and A483 trunk roads at and approaching Pont Abraham

Roundabout in the County of Carmarthenshire specified in the Schedules to this Order;

“the length of the motorway” (*“y darn o’r draffordd”*) means the length of the M4 motorway approaching Pont Abraham Roundabout in the County of Carmarthenshire specified in Schedule 1;

“works period” (*“cyfnod y gwaith”*) means the period commencing at 00:01 hours on 7 January 2013 and ending when the temporary traffic signs are permanently removed.

(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.

Restrictions & Prohibition

3. Subject to the provisions of article 10, no person shall, during the works period, drive or cause or permit any vehicle, other than an exempted vehicle, to proceed at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour in the lengths of the trunk road and motorway specified in Schedule 1.

4. Subject to the provisions of article 10, no person shall, during the works period, drive or cause or permit any vehicle, other than an exempted vehicle, to proceed at a speed exceeding 40 miles per hour in the lengths of the trunk roads and motorway specified in Schedules 1 and 2.

5. Subject to the provisions of article 10, no person shall, during the works period, drive or cause or permit any vehicle, other than an exempted vehicle, to proceed at a speed exceeding 10 miles per hour in the lengths of the trunk roads and motorway specified in Schedules 1 and 2.

6. Subject to the provisions of article 10, no person shall, during the works period, use or permit the use of a vehicle, other than an exempted vehicle, in such a way that it overtakes any other vehicle in the lengths of the trunk roads and motorway specified in Schedules 1 and 2 during such times as the restriction referred to in article 5 is in operation.

7. Subject to the provisions of article 10, the hard shoulder adjacent to the westbound and eastbound carriageways of the length of the motorway specified in Schedule 1 shall be made available for use as a traffic lane.

Suspensions

8. Regulation 5 of the Motorways Traffic (England and Wales) Regulations 1982(3) and the provisions of Regulation 9 of those Regulations relating to the driving of vehicles are suspended insofar as they apply to the hard shoulder which is contiguous with the length of the westbound and eastbound carriageways

of the motorway specified in Schedule 1 and traffic is directed to use the specified hard shoulder.

9. The provisions of regulation 3 of the Motorway Traffic (Speed Limit) Regulations 1974(4), insofar as they apply to the length of the motorway specified in Schedule 1, are hereby suspended during such times as the restrictions specified in articles 3, 4 and 5 are in operation.

Application

10. The provisions of articles 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 apply only during such times and to such extent as the application of the restrictions and prohibition referred to therein is indicated by traffic signs.

Duration of this Order

11. The maximum duration of this Order shall be 18 months.

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

Dated

27 December 2012

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- (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.
- (3) S.I. 1982/1163
- (4) S.I. 1974/502

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1

Temporary 50 mph, 40 mph or 10 mph Speed Limits & Trafficking of Hard Shoulder

The length of the A48 trunk road that extends in a northerly direction from its junction with the northern side of Pont Abraham Roundabout for a distance of 1200 metres.

The length of the M4 motorway that extends in a southerly direction from its junction with the southern side of Pont Abraham Roundabout for a distance of 4000 metres.

SCHEDULE 2
Temporary 40 mph or 10 mph Speed Limits

The length of the A483 trunk road that extends in a north easterly direction from its junction with the eastern side of Pont Abraham Roundabout for a distance of 400 metres.

The entire length of the A48 circulatory carriageway at Pont Abraham Roundabout.