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ROAD TRAFFIC, WALES

**The A55 Trunk Road
(Penmaenbach Tunnel, Conwy
County Borough) (Temporary
Traffic Prohibitions & Restrictions)
Order 2016**

Made 26 September 2016

Coming into force 1 October 2016

The Welsh Ministers, being the traffic authority for the relevant length of the Chester – Bangor Trunk Road (A55) (“the trunk road”) are satisfied that traffic in specified lengths of the trunk road should be prohibited or restricted because of works proposed on or near the road.

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), make this Order.

Title, Interpretation and Commencement

1. This Order comes into force on 1 October 2016 and its title is The A55 Trunk Road (Penmaenbach Tunnel, Conwy County Borough) (Temporary Traffic Prohibitions & Restrictions) Order 2016.

2. —(1) In this Order:

“exempted vehicle” (“*cerbyd esempt*”) means:

(a) any vehicle being used by the emergency services; and

(b) any vehicle being used for naval, military or air force purposes and being driven by a person for the time being subject to the orders of a member of the armed forces of the Crown, who is a member of the special forces—

- (i) in response, or for practice in responding, to a national security emergency by a person who has been trained in driving at high speeds; or
- (ii) for the purpose of training a person in driving vehicles at high speeds;

“special forces” (*“lluoedd arbennig”*) means those units of the home forces the maintenance of whose capabilities is the responsibility of the Director of Special Forces or which are for the time being subject to the operational command of that Director;

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

“works period” (*“cyfnod y gwaith”*) means intermittent periods commencing at 19:00 hours on 1 October 2016 and ending when the temporary traffic signs for each period of works are 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.

Prohibitions and Restrictions

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

4. (1) Whilst vehicle movement is, by article 3, prohibited in the eastbound carriageway, but pursuant to article 13, 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.

(2) Whilst vehicle movement is, by article 3, prohibited in the westbound carriageway, but pursuant to article 13, 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;
- (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.

5. No person shall, during the works period, drive or cause or permit any motor vehicle to be driven at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour in the length of the trunk road specified in Schedule 4.

6. No person shall, during the works period, drive or 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 5.

7. 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.

8. No person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle with a width of or exceeding 3.2 metres or 3.7 metres to proceed in the lengths of the trunk road specified in Schedule 7.

9. No person shall, during the works period, drive or cause or permit any vehicle, other than an exempted vehicle, to be driven in the lengths of the trunk road specified in Schedule 5.

Suspensions

10. The provisions of The Trunk Road (A55) (Penmaenbach - Dwygyfylchi, Gwynedd) (One-Way Traffic) Order 1990(2) are 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(3) are suspended during such times as the prohibition specified in article 3 is in operation.

12. Any statutory provisions restricting or derestricting the speed of vehicles on the relevant lengths of the trunk road specified in Schedules 4, 5 and 6 are suspended during such times as the restrictions specified in articles 5, 6 and 7 are in operation.

Application

13. (1) The prohibitions and restrictions in articles 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 shall apply only at such times and to such extent as indicated by traffic signs.

(2) No speed limit imposed by this Order applies to an exempted vehicle.

Duration of this Order

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

Signed under authority of the Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Infrastructure, one of the Welsh Ministers.

Dated the 26 September 2016

Nina Ley
Head of Business Unit, Network Management
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. 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.

(2) S.I. 1990/328
(3) S.I. 1994/3088

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1
Contraflow

The length of the trunk road that 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
No overtaking restriction

The length of the eastbound (headland) carriageway of the trunk road that 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
Temporary 50 mph speed limit

The length of the westbound carriageway of the trunk road that extends from a point 20 metres east of the eastern portal of the Conwy Tunnel to a point 20 metres west of the centre-point of Morfa Drive over-bridge.

SCHEDULE 5
Temporary 40 mph speed limit & prohibition of vehicles

1. The length of the westbound carriageway of the trunk road that extends from a point 500 metres east of the centre-point of the Junction 19 (Glan Conwy Interchange) roundabout to the centre-point of Red Gables Viaduct over-bridge, including the westbound on and off slip roads at Junctions 19, 18, 17, the roundabout at Junction 16 and the central reserve gap as defined in paragraph 2 of Schedule 3.
2. The length of the eastbound carriageway of the trunk road that extends from the centre-point of Red Gables Viaduct over-bridge 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.
3. The length of the eastbound carriageway of the trunk road that extends from the central reservation at a point 787 metres east of the eastern portal of the Penmaenbach Eastbound Headland Tunnel to a point 500 metres east of the centre-point of the Junction 19 (Glan Conwy Interchange) roundabout, including the eastbound on and off slip roads at Junctions 17, 18 and 19.

SCHEDULE 6
Extension of the Headland 30mph Speed
Restriction

1. The length of the central reserve gap 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 length of the westbound carriageway of the trunk road that extends from a point 840 metres west of the centre-point of the Junction 17 (Conwy Morfa) over-bridge to a point 362 metres west of the western portal of the Penmaenbach Westbound Tunnel.
3. The length of the eastbound carriageway of the trunk road that extends from a point 940 metres east of the centre-point of Junction 16 (Puffin Roundabout) to a point 191 metres west of the western portal of Penmaenbach Eastbound Headland Tunnel.
4. The gap in the central reservation 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 7
Vehicle width restriction

1. The length of the eastbound carriageway of the trunk road that extends from a point 30 metres east of the centre-point of Junction 16 (Puffin Roundabout) to the nosing of the eastbound on slip road at Junction 18 (Llandudno Junction Interchange).
2. The length of the westbound carriageway of the trunk road that extends from the nosing of the westbound off slip road at Junction 18 (Llandudno Junction Interchange) to a point 30 metres east of the centre-point of Junction 16 (Puffin Roundabout), including the westbound on slip road at Junction 18.