

2016 No. 122 (W. 58)

ROAD TRAFFIC, WALES

**The A55 Trunk Road (Conwy
Tunnel, Conwy) (Temporary
Traffic Prohibitions and
Restrictions) Order 2016**

Made 25 January 2016

Coming into force 31 January 2016

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

The Welsh Ministers, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by sections 14(1), (4) and (7) 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 31 January 2016 and its title is The A55 Trunk Road (Conwy Tunnel, Conwy) (Temporary Traffic Prohibitions and 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 are being driven by a person for the time being subject to the orders of the 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 armed 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 Schedules 1 to 5 to this Order;

“works period” (*“cyfnod y gwaith”*) means intermittent periods commencing at 14:00 hours on 31 January 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. Subject to the provisions of article 11, 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 carriageway of the length of the trunk road specified in Schedule 1.

4. (1) Whilst movement is, by article 3, prohibited in the eastbound carriageway but pursuant to article 11 not prohibited in the westbound carriageway, no person shall, during the works period, drive or cause or permit any vehicle to:

- (i) proceed in the offside lane of the westbound carriageway of the length of the trunk road in any direction other than eastwards;
- (ii) 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 2.

(2) Whilst movement is, by article 3, prohibited in the westbound carriageway but pursuant to article 11 not prohibited in the eastbound carriageway, no person shall, during the works period, drive or cause or permit any vehicle to:

- (i) proceed in the offside lane of the eastbound carriageway of the length of the trunk road in any direction other than westwards;
- (ii) proceed in any direction other than westwards through either of the gaps in the central

5. Subject to the provisions of article 11, 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 3.

6. Subject to the provisions of article 11, no person shall, during the works period, drive or cause or permit any vehicle to proceed at a speed exceeding 40 miles per hour in the lengths of the trunk road specified in Schedule 3.

7. Subject to the provisions of article 11, no person shall, during the works period, drive or cause or permit any vehicle with a width of or exceeding 3.20 metres to proceed in the lengths of the trunk road specified in Schedule 4.

8. Subject to the provisions of article 11 no person shall, during the works period, ride or cause to be ridden, any pedal cycle in the length of the trunk road specified in Schedule 5.

9. Subject to the provisions of article 11 no pedestrian shall, during the works period, proceed in the length of the trunk road specified in Schedule 5.

Suspension

10. Any statutory provisions restricting the speed of vehicles on the relevant length(s) of trunk road specified in article 2 are hereby suspended during such times as the restriction specified in article 6 is in operation.

Application

11. (1) The provisions of articles 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 shall apply only at such times and to such extent as the application of the prohibitions and restrictions referred to therein are indicated by traffic signs.

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

Duration of this Order

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

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

Dated the 25 January 2016

R Morgan
Head of Asset Management and Standards
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 to the Government of Wales Act 2006, these powers are now exercisable by the Welsh Ministers in relation to Wales.

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1 Contraflow

The length of the trunk road that extends in a westerly direction from a point 272 metres east of the eastern portal of the Conwy Tunnel to a point 502 metres west of the western portal of the Conwy Tunnel.

SCHEDULE 2 Limits of the central reserve gaps

The gap in the central reservation situated between a point 92 metres east of the eastern portal of the Conwy Tunnel and a point 272 metres east of the said portal.

The gap in the central reservation situated between a point 310 metres west of the western portal of the Conwy Tunnel and a point 502 metres west of the said portal.

SCHEDULE 3 Prohibition of vehicles and 40mph speed limit

The length of the westbound carriageway of the trunk road that extends from the centre-point of Brompton Avenue over-bridge to a point 787 meters east of the eastern portal of the Penmaenbach eastbound headland tunnel, including the central reserve gaps in Schedule 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 reservation at a point 191 metres west of the western portal of Penmaenbach eastbound headland tunnel.

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 the centre-point of Brompton Avenue over-bridge.

The entire lengths of the westbound and eastbound on and off slip roads at Junction 19 (Glan Conwy Interchange), Junction 18 (Llandudno Junction Interchange) and Junction 17 (Conwy Morfa Interchange).

SCHEDULE 4 Vehicle Width Restriction

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 19 (Glan Conwy Interchange), including the on slip roads at Junction 17 (Conwy Morfa Interchange) and Junction 18 (Llandudno Junction Interchange).

The length of the westbound carriageway of the trunk road that extends from the start of the nosing of the westbound off slip road at Junction 19 (Glan Conwy Interchange) to a point 30 metres east of the centre-point of Junction 16 (Puffin Roundabout), including the westbound on slip roads at Junction 19 (Glan Conwy Interchange), Junction 18 (Llandudno Junction Interchange) and Junction 17 (Conwy Morfa Interchange).

SCHEDULE 5 Temporary prohibition of cyclists and pedestrians

The length of the cycleway/footpath that extends from a point 787 metres east of the eastern portal of the Penmaenbach Eastbound Headland Tunnel, including the length of cycleway/footpath adjacent to the Junction 17 eastbound exit slip road, to its abutment with the A457 at the end of the said slip road.