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ROAD TRAFFIC, WALES

The A449 & A40 Trunk Roads
(Coldra Interchange, Newport to the
Wales/England Border,
Monmouthshire) (Temporary
Traffic Prohibitions & Restrictions)
Order 2023

Made 14 February 2023

Coming into force 20 February 2023

The Welsh Ministers, as traffic authority for the relevant lengths of the A449 and A40 trunk roads, are satisfied that traffic on specified lengths of the trunk roads should be prohibited and/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 and commencement

1. The title of this Order is the A449 & A40 Trunk Roads (Coldra Interchange, Newport to the Wales/England Border, Monmouthshire) (Temporary Traffic Prohibitions & Restrictions) Order 2023 and this Order comes into force on 20 February 2023.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

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

(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, and section 162 of, and paragraph 30 of Schedule 11 to, the Government of Wales Act 2006 (c. 32), these functions are now exercisable by the Welsh Ministers in relation to Wales.

- (a) any vehicle being used for the purposes described in section 87 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984⁽¹⁾;
- (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 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;

“the trunk roads” (*“y cefnffyrdd”*) means the A449 and A40 Newport to Worcester trunk roads;

“works period” (*“cyfnod y gwaith”*) means intermittent periods commencing at 20:00 hours on 20 February 2023 and ending when the temporary traffic signs for each period of works are removed.

Prohibitions and restrictions

3. No person may, during the works period, drive any vehicle, other than an exempted vehicle, on the lengths of the trunk road specified in Schedule 1 to this Order.

4. No person may, during the works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on the length of the trunk roads specified in Schedule 2 to this Order.

5. No person may, during the works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 40 miles per hour on the length of the trunk roads specified in Schedule 2 to this Order.

6. No person may, during the works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 10 miles per hour on the length of the trunk roads specified in Schedule 2 to this Order.

(1) Section 87 was amended by the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004 (c. 21), Schedule 1, paragraph 55, the Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (c. 15), Schedule 4, paragraph 42, the Crime and Courts Act 2013 (c. 22), Schedule 8, paragraph 29(2) and the Deregulation Act 2015 (c. 20), section 50(4) and (5).

7. No person may, 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 on the length of the trunk roads specified in Schedule 2 to this Order during such times as the restriction in article 6 is in operation.

Application

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

(2) No speed limits imposed by this Order apply to an exempted vehicle.

Suspension

9. Any statutory provisions restricting the speed of vehicles on the length of the trunk road specified in Schedule 2 to this Order are suspended during such times as the restrictions specified in articles 4, 5 and 6 are in operation.

Duration of this Order

10. The maximum duration of this Order is 18 months.

Signed on behalf of the Deputy Minister for Climate Change, acting under the authority of the Minister for Climate Change, one of the Welsh Ministers.

Dated

14 February 2023

Nicci Hunter
Business Team Leader
Welsh Government

SCHEDULE 1

Temporary prohibition of vehicles

The length of the A449 trunk road that extends from its junction with the circulatory carriageway of Coldra Interchange, Newport (Junction 24) to the centre-point of the A449 and A40 Raglan Interchange, Monmouthshire.

The lengths of the A449 northbound and southbound exit and entry slip roads at Usk Interchange, Monmouthshire.

The lengths of the A449/A40 northbound and southbound exit and entry slip roads at Raglan Interchange, Monmouthshire.

SCHEDULE 2

**Temporary 50 mph, 40 mph or 10 mph speed limits
and no overtaking**

The length of the A449 and A40 trunk roads that extends from its junction with the circulatory carriageway of Coldra Interchange, Newport (M4 Junction 24) to the centre-point of the access to Chapel Farm, north of Monmouth.