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ROAD TRAFFIC, WALES

The A40 Hardwick Roundabout,
A40 Hardwick Gyratory and A40,
A465 and A4042 Trunk Roads
(Abergavenny, Monmouthshire)
(Temporary Traffic Prohibitions &
Restrictions) Order 2025

Made 7 February 2025

Coming into force 17 February 2025

The Welsh Ministers, as traffic authority for the relevant lengths of the A40, A465 and A4042 trunk roads, are satisfied that traffic on a 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 A40 Hardwick Roundabout, A40 Hardwick Gyratory and A40, A465 and A4042 Trunk Roads (Abergavenny, Monmouthshire) (Temporary Traffic Prohibitions & Restrictions) Order 2025 and this Order comes into force on 17 February 2025.

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 road” (*“y gefnffordd”*) means the A40 Raglan to Llandovery, the A4042 Newport to Shrewsbury, the A465 Newport to Shrewsbury and the A465 Neath to Abergavenny trunk roads;

“works period” (*“cyfnod y gwaith”*) means intermittent periods commencing at 20:00 hours on 17 February 2025 and ending when the temporary traffic signs for each period of works have been removed.

Prohibitions and restrictions

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

4. No person may, during the works period, ride any pedal cycle on the lengths of the trunk roads specified in Schedule 1 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 lengths 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 road specified in Schedule 3 to this Order.

7. No person may, during the works period, use or permit the use of a vehicle, other than an exempted

(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).

vehicle, in such a way that it overtakes any other vehicle on the lengths of the trunk roads specified in Schedule 3 to this Order during such times as the restriction referred to 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 motor vehicles on the length of the trunk road specified in Schedule 2 and 3 to this Order are suspended during such times as the restrictions specified in articles 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 Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales, one of the Welsh Ministers.

Dated

7 February 2025

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SCHEDULE 1

Temporary Prohibition of Vehicles and Cyclists

Phase 1

A40 Monmouth Road, Abergavenny

A40 Monmouth Road, Abergavenny from its junction with the Hardwick Roundabout to the junction to Ysbytty Fields Estate (Gobannium Way).

Diversions

Northbound A40 traffic via the A465 to Llanfoist, A4143 Merthyr Road and A40.
Southbound A40 traffic vice versa.

Phase 2

A465 Abergavenny Eastern Bypass

From its junction with the physical edge of A40 Gyratory north to the junction of the B4521.

Diversions

Northbound A465 traffic via the A40 and B4521 to Triley to rejoin A465.

Southbound A465 traffic via the A49 (Hereford to Ross on Wye) & A40.

Phase 3

A40 Hardwick Gyratory (Partial Closure)

From its junction with the circulatory carriageway of the Hardwick Roundabout to the centre of the splitter island between the entry and exit to the A465 Abergavenny Eastern Bypass.

Diversions

Northbound A465 traffic via the A40 and B4521 to Triley to rejoin A465.

Eastbound traffic for the A40 or B4598 via the A4042 to Newport, M4, A449 to A40.

Phase 4

A40 Hardwick Gyratory (Partial Closure)

From the circulatory carriageway of the Hardwick Roundabout to the centre of the splitter island between the entry and exit to the A40 to Raglan.

Diversions

Northbound A465 traffic via the A40 and B4521 to Triley to rejoin A465.

Southbound A465 traffic via the A49 (Hereford to Ross on Wye) & A40.

Traffic for the eastbound A40 or B4598 via the A4042 to Newport, M4, A449 to A40.

Phase 5

A40 Hardwick Gyratory (Partial Closure)

From the centre of the splitter island between the entry and exit to the A40 to Raglan Road and the Hardwick Roundabout circulatory carriageway.

Diversion

Traffic for the westbound A40 or B4598 via the A40, A449 to Newport, M4, A4042 to Hardwick to Abergavenny.

Phase 6

A4042 Trunk Road

From the circulatory carriageway to the Hardwick Roundabout to a point 500m south of the roundabout.

Diversions

Southbound A4042 traffic via A40, A449, M4 to rejoin A4042.

Northbound A4042 traffic via M4, A449, A40 to Abergavenny.

Phase 7

A40 Hardwick Roundabout (Partial Closure) including the A465 Heads of Valley exit and entry roads & the A4042 entry road from Pontypool

From the physical island forming the entry between the A40 to Raglan Road and the A4042 to Pontypool Road to the physical island forming the roundabout entry from the A40 Monmouth Road.

Diversions

A465 westbound traffic via the A40 Monmouth Road, A4143, Merthyr Road to the A465 at Llanfoist.

A465 eastbound traffic via A4143 and A40 to Hardwick Roundabout.

Northbound A4042 traffic via M4, A449, A40 to Abergavenny.

Southbound A4042 traffic via A40, A449, M4 to rejoin A4042.

A40 traffic will be under traffic control with 2-way signals which will require traffic to pass anticlockwise on a section of the A40 Roundabout / A40 Gyratory.

Phase 8

A40 Hardwick Roundabout (Partial Closure) including both the A465 Abergavenny Eastern Bypass entry road & the A40 exit and entry roads

From the physical island forming the entry between the A40 Monmouth Road and the entry between the A40 to Raglan Road and the A4042 to Pontypool Road.

Diversions

Northbound A465 traffic via the A40 and B4521 to Triley to rejoin A465.

Southbound A465 traffic via the A49 (Hereford to Ross on Wye) & A40.

Traffic for the eastbound A40 or B4598 via the A4042 to Newport, M4, A449 to A40.

Traffic for the westbound A40 or B4598 via the A40, A449 to Newport, M4, A4042 to Hardwick to Abergavenny.

A4042, A465 Heads of the Valley and A40 Monmouth Road will be under 3-way signal control which will require traffic to pass anticlockwise on a section of the A40 Roundabout / A40 Gyratory.

Phase 9

A465 Heads of Valley Westbound

From the circulatory carriageway to the Hardwick Roundabout west for distance of 1300m.

Diversion

Via the A40 Monmouth Road, A4143 Merthyr Road to the A465 at Llanfoist.

Phase 10

A465 Heads of Valley Eastbound

From the exit to Llanfoist up to the edge of the circulatory carriageway at Hardwick Roundabout.

Diversion

Via the A4143 and A40 to Hardwick Roundabout.

All Diversion routes will be indicated by appropriate traffic signs and will vary, depending on the phase of works and which roads are closed to motor vehicles and pedal cycles.

SCHEDULE 2

Temporary 40mph Speed Limit

The A465 Heads of the Valleys Road for approx. 1.8km from the Hardwick Roundabout to and from the A4143 exit and entry slip roads at Llanfoist.

The A465 Abergavenny Eastern Bypass for approx. 2.5km from the Hardwick Gyratory to the B4521 entry (Old Ross Road).

The A40 Monmouth Road for approx. 0.2km from the Hardwick Roundabout.

The A40 to Raglan Road for approx. 1.6km from the Hardwick Roundabout.

The A40 Hardwick Roundabout itself (approx. 0.2km).

The A40 Hardwick Gyratory itself (approx. 0.7km).

SCHEDULE 3

Temporary 10mph Speed Limit and No Overtaking

The A40 Hardwick Roundabout itself (approx. 0.2km).

The A40 Hardwick Gyratory itself (approx. 0.7km).