WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2024 No. 1099 (W. 184)

ROAD TRAFFIC, WALES

The A55 Trunk Road (Conwy Tunnel, Conwy County Borough) (Temporary Traffic Prohibitions and Restrictions) Order 2024

Made	*4 November 2024*
Coming into force	*11 November 2024*

The Welsh Ministers, as traffic authority for the relevant length of the A55 trunk road, are satisfied that traffic on specified lengths of the trunk road 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 sections 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 A55 Trunk Road (Conwy Tunnel, Conwy County Borough) (Temporary Traffic Prohibitions and Restrictions) Order 2024 and this Order comes into force on 11 November 2024.

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 A55 Chester to Bangor trunk road;

"works period" ("*cyfnod y gwaith*") means intermittent periods commencing at 19:30 hours on 11 November 2024 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 either the eastbound or westbound carriageway of the length of the trunk road specified in Schedule 1 to this Order.

4.—(1) Whilst movement is, by article 3, prohibited in the eastbound carriageway but pursuant to article 12 not prohibited in the westbound carriageway, no person may, 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 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).

(2) Whilst movement is, by article 3, prohibited in the westbound carriageway but pursuant to article 12 not prohibited in the eastbound carriageway, no person may, 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 reservation of the length of the trunk road specified in Schedule 2 to this Order.

5. 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 3 to this Order.

6. No person may, during the works period, drive any vehicle at a speed exceeding 40 miles per hour on the lengths of the trunk road specified in Schedule 4 to this Order.

7. No person may, during the works period, drive any vehicle to proceed at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on the length of the trunk road specified in Schedule 5 to this Order.

8. No person may, during the works period, drive any vehicle with a width of or exceeding 3.2 metres or 3.7 metres on the lengths of the trunk road specified in Schedule 6 to this Order.

9. No person may, during the works period, ride any pedal cycle on the length of the trunk road specified in Schedule 7 to this Order.

10. No pedestrian may, during the works period, proceed on the length of the trunk road specified in Schedule 7 to this Order.

11. 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 road specified in Schedule 1 to this Order.

Application

12.—(1) The prohibitions and restrictions in articles 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 apply only at 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

13. Any statutory provisions restricting the speed of vehicles on the lengths of the trunk road specified in Schedules 4 and 5 to this Order are suspended during such times as the restrictions specified in articles 6 and 7 are in operation.

Duration of this Order

14. 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 4 November 2024

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Business Team Leader
Welsh Government

SCHEDULE 1
Contraflow

The length of the trunk road that extends from a point 297 metres east of the eastern portal of the Conwy Tunnel to a point 446 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 202 metres east of the eastern portal of the Conwy Tunnel and a point 297 metres east of that portal.

The gap in the central reservation situated between a point 353 metres west of the western portal of the Conwy Tunnel and a point 446 metres west of that portal.

SCHEDULE 3
Temporary prohibition of vehicles

The length of the eastbound carriageway of the trunk road that extends from the nosing of the eastbound exit slip road at Junction 17 (Conwy Morfa Interchange) to the centre-point of Junction 18 (Llandudno Junction Interchange), including the lengths of the eastbound entry slip road at Junction 17 and eastbound exit slip road at Junction 18.

The length of the westbound carriageway of the trunk road that extends from the nosing of the westbound exit slip road at Junction 18 (Llandudno Junction Interchange) to the centre-point of the Junction 17 (Conwy Morfa Interchange) over-bridge, including the lengths of the westbound entry slip road at Junction 18 and westbound exit slip road at Junction 17.

SCHEDULE 4
Temporary 40 mph speed limit

The length of the eastbound carriageway of the trunk road that extends from the centre-point of Red Gables Viaduct over-bridge to a point 191 metres west of the western portal of Penmaenbach eastbound headland tunnel.

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 as defined in Schedule 3.

The length of the eastbound carriageway of the trunk road that extends from point 787 metres east of the eastern portal of the Penmaenbach eastbound headland tunnel to the centre-point of Brompton Avenue over-bridge.

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

SCHEDULE 5
Temporary 50 mph speed limit

The length of the westbound carriageway of the trunk road that extends from the centre-point of Brompton Avenue over-bridge to the nosing of the westbound exit slip road at Junction 18 (Llandudno Junction Interchange).

SCHEDULE 6
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 entry slip road at Junction 19 (Black Cat Interchange), including the entry 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 nosing of the westbound exit slip road at Junction 19 (Black Cat Interchange) to a point 30 metres east of the centre-point of Junction 16 (Puffin Roundabout), including the westbound entry slip roads at Junction 19 (Black Cat Interchange), Junction 18 (Llandudno Junction Interchange) and Junction 17 (Conwy Morfa Interchange).

SCHEDULE 7
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 A547 at the end of that slip road.