

2012 No. 428 (W. 70)

ROAD TRAFFIC, WALES

**The A48 Trunk Road & M4
Motorway (Earlswood Junction and
Interchange, Neath Port Talbot)
(Temporary Prohibition of Vehicles)
Order 2012**

Made 17 February 2012

Coming into force 27 February 2012

The Welsh Ministers, being the traffic authority for the relevant lengths of the London – Fishguard Trunk Road (A48) (hereinafter referred to as “the trunk road”) and the London – South Wales Motorway (M4) (hereinafter referred to as “the motorway”), are satisfied that traffic in specified lengths of the trunk road and motorway should be prohibited by reason of works being executed thereon.

The Welsh Ministers, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by section 14(1) and (4) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(1) and of all other enabling powers(2), make this Order.

1. This Order comes into force on 27 February 2012 and its title is The A48 Trunk Road & M4 Motorway (Earlswood Junction and Interchange, Neath Port Talbot) (Temporary Prohibition of Vehicles) Order 2012.

2. —(1) In this Order:

“exempted vehicle” (*“cerbyd esempt”*) means any vehicle being used by the emergency services or in connection with the works giving rise to this Order;

“the lengths of the trunk roads” (*“y danrau o’r cefnffordd”*) means the lengths of the A48 trunk road at Earlswood Junction in the County Borough of Neath Port Talbot specified in Schedule 1 to this Order;

“the lengths of the motorway” (“*y darnau o’r draffordd*”) means the lengths of the M4 Motorway at Junction 42, Earlswood in the County Borough of Neath Port Talbot specified in Schedule 2 to this Order;

“works period” (“*cyfnod y gwaith*”) means the period commencing at 20:00 hours on 27 February 2012 and ending when the temporary traffic signs are permanently 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.

3. Subject to the provisions of article 5, no person shall, during the works period, drive or cause or permit any vehicle, other than an exempted vehicle, to proceed in the lengths of the trunk road and motorway specified in the Schedules to this Order.

4. Subject to the provisions of article 5, no person shall, during the works period, drive or cause or permit any vehicle, other than an exempted vehicle, to turn right in the length of the trunk road specified in Schedule 1iii to this Order .

5. The provisions of articles 3, 4 and 5 apply only during such times and to such extent as the application of the prohibition referred to therein is indicated by traffic signs.

6. The maximum duration of this Order shall be 18 months.

Signed under authority of the Minister for Local Government and Communities, one of the Welsh Ministers.

Dated the 17 February 2012

G MORGAN

Head of Infrastructure Specialist Services

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

A48 TRUNK ROAD PROHIBITION OF ALL VEHICLES

- i. That length of the westbound carriageway of the trunk road which extends from a point at its junction with Briton Ferry Roundabout to a point at its junction with the physical nosing of the westbound M4 on slip road.
- ii. That length of the eastbound carriageway of the trunk road which extends from a point at its junction with the M4 eastbound off slip road to a point at its junction with Briton Ferry Roundabout.
- iii. The right turn for eastbound vehicles (from the M4, Junction 42 exit) to the A483 westbound carriageway (except for access to Monkstone Marina Industrial Unit and emergency service vehicles).

SCHEDULE 2

M4 MOTORWAY PROHIBITION OF ALL VEHICLES

- i. The entire length of the eastbound on slip road at Junction 43, Llandarcy.
- ii. The entire length of the eastbound off slip road at Junction 42, Earlswood.