

2017 No. 45 (W. 19)

ROAD TRAFFIC, WALES

The A494 Trunk Road (Bala,
Gwynedd) (Temporary 10 MPH
Speed Limit & No Overtaking)
Order 2017

Made 16 January 2017

Coming into force 23 January 2017

The Welsh Ministers, being the traffic authority for the relevant length of the Dolgellau – South of Birkenhead Trunk Road (A494) (“the trunk road”), are satisfied that traffic on a specified length of the trunk road should be restricted or prohibited 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, Interpretation and Commencement

1. This Order comes into force on 23 January 2017. Its title is The A494 Trunk Road (Bala, Gwynedd) (Temporary 10 MPH Speed Limit & No Overtaking) Order 2017.

2.—(1) In this Order:

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

(a) any vehicle being used by the emergency services or in connection with the works giving rise to this Order;

(b) any vehicle being used for naval, military or air force purposes, and

⁽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, article 2 and Schedule 1 and paragraph 30(1) of Schedule 11 to the Government of Wales Act 2006, these powers are now conferred upon the Welsh Ministers in relation to Wales.

(c) 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 home 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 length of the trunk road” (*“y darn o’r gefnffordd”*) means the length of the A494 trunk road at Bala in the County of Gwynedd that extends from a point 14 metres north-east of its junction with the Class 111 road leading to the property known as Rhiwlas Lodge, at the existing 30 MPH speed limit terminal point, to a point 50 metres south-west of the centre-point of its junction with the Class 111 road known as Stryd y Fron;

“works period” (*“cyfnod y gwaith”*) means the period commencing at 08:00 hours on 23 January 2017 and ending when the temporary traffic signs are permanently removed.

(2) Any reference in this Order to a numbered article is a reference to the article bearing that number in this Order.

Restriction and Prohibition

3. No person shall, during the works period, drive or cause or permit any vehicle to proceed at a speed exceeding 10 miles per hour in the length of the trunk road.

4. No person shall, during the works period, use or permit the use of a vehicle in such a way that it overtakes any other vehicle in the length of the trunk road during such times as the restriction referred to in article 3 is in operation.

Suspension

5. Any statutory prohibitions restricting the speed of vehicles on the relevant length of trunk road specified in article 2 are hereby suspended during such times as the restriction specified in article 3 is in operation.

Application

6. (1) The prohibitions of articles 3 and 4 apply only during such times and to such extent as the

application of the restriction and prohibition referred to therein is indicated by traffic signs.

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

Duration of this Order

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

Signed under authority of the Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Infrastructure., one of the Welsh Ministers.

Dated the 16 January 2017

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