

2018 No. 73 (W. 18)

ROAD TRAFFIC, WALES

**The A55 Trunk Road (Pen-y-clip
Tunnel, Conwy County Borough)
(Temporary Traffic Prohibitions &
Restrictions) Order 2018**

Made 22 January 2018

Coming into force 24 January 2018

The Welsh Ministers, being the traffic authority for the relevant length of the Chester to Bangor Trunk Road (A55) 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, Interpretation and Commencement

1. This Order comes into force on 24 January 2018 and its title is The A55 Trunk Road (Pen-y-clip Tunnel, Conwy County Borough) (Temporary Traffic Prohibitions & Restrictions) Order 2018.

2.—(1) In this Order:

“edge of the carriageway markings” (*“marciau ymyl y gerbyttfordd”*) means the markings shown at Diagram numbers 1002.1 and 1004 in the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016⁽²⁾;

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

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- (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 of Schedule 11 of the Government of Wales Act 2006 (c.32), these powers are now exercisable by the Welsh Ministers in relation to Wales.
- (2) S.I. 2016/362.

- (a) any vehicle being used by the emergency services; and
- (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 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 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 Chester to Bangor Trunk Road (A55);

“works period” (*“cyfnod y gwaith”*) means intermittent periods commencing at 19:00 hours on 24 January 2018 and ending when the temporary traffic signs for each period of works are 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.

Prohibitions and Restrictions

3. No person shall, during the works period, drive or cause or permit any vehicle, other than an exempted vehicle, to be driven on either the eastbound or westbound carriageways of the length of trunk road specified in Schedule 1.

4.—(1) Whilst vehicle movement is, by article 3, prohibited on the eastbound carriageway but, pursuant to article 13, not prohibited on the westbound carriageway, no person shall drive so as to cause or permit any vehicle to:

- (a) proceed in the offside lane of the westbound carriageway in any direction other than eastwards;
- (b) proceed in any direction other than eastwards through the gaps in the central reservation of the lengths of the trunk road specified in Schedule 5.

(2) Whilst vehicle movement is, by article 3, prohibited on the westbound carriageway but, pursuant to article 13, not prohibited on the eastbound

carriageway, no person shall drive so as to cause or permit any vehicle to:

- (a) proceed in the offside lane of the eastbound carriageway in any direction other than westwards;
- (b) use or permit the use of a vehicle in such a way that it overtakes any other vehicle on the eastbound carriageway of the length of the trunk road specified in Schedule 2;
- (c) proceed in any direction other than westwards through the gaps in the central reservation of the lengths of the trunk road specified in Schedule 5.

5. No person shall, during the works period, drive or cause or permit any vehicle, other than an exempted vehicle, to be driven on the lengths of the trunk road specified in Schedules 3 and 4.

6. No person shall, during the works periods, drive or cause or permit any vehicle, other than an exempted vehicle, to proceed at a speed exceeding 40 miles per hour on the lengths of the trunk road specified in Schedule 4.

7. No person shall, during the works periods, drive or cause or permit any vehicle, other than an exempted vehicle, to proceed at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on the lengths of the trunk road specified in Schedule 4.

8. No person shall, during the works period, drive or cause or permit any vehicle with a width of or exceeding 3.2 metres to proceed on the lengths of the trunk road specified in Schedule 6.

9. No person shall, during the works period, ride or cause any pedal cycle to be ridden on the lengths of the trunk road specified in Schedule 7.

10. No pedestrian shall, during the works period, proceed on the length of the trunk road specified in Schedule 8.

Suspensions

11. The provisions of The Trunk Road (A55) (Pen-y-clip Section, Gwynedd) (One Way Traffic) Order 1994⁽³⁾ are suspended insofar as they relate to the offside lane of the eastbound carriageway of the length of trunk road specified in Schedule 1 during such times as the westbound carriageway is closed in accordance with article 3.

12. Any statutory provisions restricting or derestricting the speed of vehicles on the lengths of the

(3) S.I. 1994/192.

trunk road specified in Schedule 4 are suspended during such times as the restrictions specified in articles 6 and 7 are in operation.

Application

13.—(1) The prohibitions and restrictions in articles 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 shall 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.

Duration of this Order

14. The maximum duration for this Order shall be 12 months.

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

Dated

22 January 2018

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SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1 Contraflow

The length of the trunk road that extends from a point 97 metres east of the centre-point of Junction 15 (Llanfairfechan Roundabout) to a point 208 metres east of the centre-point of the Red Gables Viaduct over-bridge.

SCHEDULE 2 No overtaking

The length of the eastbound headland carriageway of the trunk road that extends from a point 97 metres east of the centre-point of Junction 15 (Llanfairfechan Roundabout) to a point 208 metres east of the centre-point of the Red Gables Viaduct over-bridge.

SCHEDULE 3 Closure of Penmaenmawr West Junction & Junction 15a Eastbound Exit Slip Road

The length of the trunk road that extends from its junction with the county road known as Ffordd Bangor

to the edge of the carriageway markings on the southern side of the main westbound carriageway of the trunk road.

The entire length of the eastbound exit slip road of the trunk road at Junction 15a.

SCHEDULE 4

Prohibition of vehicles & 40 mph and/or 50 mph speed limits

The length of the eastbound carriageway of the trunk road that extends from the centre-point of the eastbound off slip splitter island at Junction 13 (Abergwyngregyn village) to a point 100 metres east of the centre-point of Junction 16 (Puffin Roundabout), including the eastbound on slip road at Junction 14 (Madryn Interchange), the eastbound off slip road at Junction 15a and the central reserve gaps in Schedule 5.

The length of the westbound carriageway of the trunk road that extends from a point 100 metres east of the centre-point of Junction 16 (Puffin Roundabout), including the westbound on-slip at this junction, to the centre-point of the over-bridge at Junction 14 (Madryn Interchange), including the central reserve gaps in Schedule 5.

SCHEDULE 5

Limits of the central reserve gaps

The gap in the central reservation situated between a point 78 metres east of the centre-point of the Red Gables Viaduct over-bridge and a point 208 metres east of that over-bridge.

The gap in the central reservation situated between a point 97 metres east of the centre-point of Junction 15 (Llanfairfechan Roundabout) to a point 226 metres east of that roundabout.

SCHEDULE 6

Vehicle width restriction

The length of the eastbound carriageway of the trunk road that extends from a point 25 metres east of the centre-point of Junction 15 (Llanfairfechan Roundabout) to the nosing of the eastbound entry slip road at 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 at Junction 18 (Llandudno Junction Interchange) to a point 25 metres east of the centre-point of Junction 15 (Llanfairfechan Roundabout),

including the westbound on slip roads at Junction 18 and Junction 17.

SCHEDULE 7
Prohibition of cyclists

The length of the eastbound carriageway of the trunk road that extends from the nose of the splitter island for Junction 14, eastbound around Pen-y-clip Headland to the signed pedestrian crossing point adjacent to the eastern portal of Pen-y-clip Tunnel, including the length of the footway that extends from the centre-point of the pedestrian over-bridge to the east of Junction 15, eastbound to the signed pedestrian crossing point adjacent to the eastern portal of Pen-y-clip Tunnel.

SCHEDULE 8
Prohibition of pedestrians

The length of the footway that extends from the centre-point of the pedestrian over-bridge to the east of Junction 15, eastbound to the signed pedestrian crossing point adjacent to the eastern portal of Pen-y-clip Tunnel.