

2018 No. 76 (W. 20)

ROAD TRAFFIC, WALES

**The A5 Trunk Road (Chirk Bypass,
Wrexham County Borough)
(Temporary 40 mph Speed Limit &
No Overtaking) Order 2018**

Made 23 January 2018

Coming into force 29 January 2018

The Welsh Ministers, being the traffic authority for the relevant length of the London to Holyhead Trunk Road (A5), are satisfied that traffic on a specified length of the trunk road should be restricted and/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 29 January 2018 and its title is The A5 Trunk Road (Chirk Bypass, Wrexham County Borough) (Temporary 40 mph Speed Limit & No Overtaking) Order 2018.

2.—(1) In this Order:

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

- (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

⁽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 to the Government of Wales Act 2006 (c.32), these powers are now exercisable by the Welsh Ministers in relation to Wales.

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 London to Holyhead Trunk Road (A5), Chirk Bypass in the County Borough of Wrexham that extends from the Wales/England border to its junction with the southern side of Halton Roundabout;

“works period” (“*cyfnod y gwaith*”) means intermittent periods commencing at 00:01 hours on 29 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 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 40 miles per hour on the length of the trunk road.

4. No person shall, 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.

Suspension

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

Application

6.—(1) The restriction and prohibition in articles 3 and 4 apply only during such times and to such extent as 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 12 months.

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

Dated

23 January 2018

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