

2023 No. 462 (W. 69)

ROAD TRAFFIC, WALES

The A465 Trunk Road (Neath to
Llandarcy, Neath Port Talbot)
(Temporary Traffic Prohibitions &
Restrictions) Order 2023

Made 24 April 2023

Coming into force 1 May 2023

The Welsh Ministers, as traffic authority for the A465 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 roads.

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 and commencement

1. The title of this Order is the A465 Trunk Road (Neath to Llandarcy, Neath Port Talbot) (Temporary Traffic Prohibitions & Restrictions) Order 2023 and this Order comes into force on 1 May 2023.

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 A465 Neath to Abergavenny trunk road;

“works period” (*“cyfnod y gwaith”*) means intermittent periods commencing at 20:00 hours on 1 May 2023 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 on the lengths of the trunk road specified in Schedule 1 to this Order.

4. No person may, during the works period, drive any vehicle on either the westbound or eastbound carriageways of the lengths of the trunk road specified in Schedule 2 to this Order.

5.—(1) Whilst the movement of traffic is, by article 4, prohibited on the westbound carriageway but, pursuant to article 12, not prohibited on the eastbound carriageway, no person may drive any vehicle in the offside lane of the eastbound carriageway in any direction other than westwards.

(2) Whilst the movement of traffic is, by article 4, prohibited on the eastbound carriageway but, pursuant to article 12, not prohibited on the westbound carriageway, no person may drive any vehicle in the

(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).

offside lane of the westbound carriageway in any direction other than eastwards.

6. No person may, during the works period, drive any vehicle with a width of or exceeding 2.9 metres on the lengths of the trunk road specified in the Schedules to this Order.

7. No person may, during the works period, drive any motor vehicle, other than an exempted vehicle, at a speed exceeding 30 miles per hour on the lengths of the trunk road specified in Schedule 2 to this Order.

8. No person may, during the works period, drive any motor vehicle, other than an exempted vehicle, at a speed exceeding 40 miles per hour on the lengths of the trunk road specified in Schedule 2 to this Order.

9. No person may, during the works period, drive any motor vehicle, other than an exempted vehicle, at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on the lengths of the trunk road specified in Schedule 2 to this Order.

10. 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 lengths of the trunk road specified in Schedule 2 to this Order.

11. No person may, during the works period, ride any pedal cycle on the lengths of the trunk road specified in the Schedules to this Order.

Application

12. The prohibitions and restrictions in articles 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 apply only during such times and to such extent as indicated by traffic signs.

Suspension

13. Any statutory provisions restricting the speed of vehicles on the lengths of the trunk road specified in Schedule 2 to this Order are suspended during such times as the restrictions specified in articles 7, 8 and 9 are in operation.

Duration of this Order

14. The maximum duration of this Order is 18 months.

Signed on behalf of the Deputy Minister for Climate Change, acting under the authority of the Minister for Climate Change, one of the Welsh Ministers.

Dated

24 April 2023

Nicci Hunter
Business Team Leader
Welsh Government

SCHEDULE 1

The length of the westbound carriageway of the trunk road that extends from the nosing of the westbound exit slip road at the A465/A474 Neath Interchange to its junction with the main circulatory carriageway of the M4 Junction 43/A465 Llandarcy Interchange, including the westbound entry slip road at Neath Interchange and the trunk road layby adjacent to the A465 westbound carriageway.

The length of the eastbound carriageway of the trunk road that extends from its junction with the main circulatory carriageway of the M4 Junction 43/A465 Llandarcy Interchange to the nosing of the eastbound entry slip road at the A465/A474 Neath Interchange.

SCHEDULE 2

The length of the westbound carriageway of the trunk road that extends from the crossover point at the nosing of the westbound entry slip road at Neath Interchange for approximately 2.3 kilometres.

The length of the eastbound carriageway of the trunk road that extends from the crossover point at the junction with the main circulatory carriageway of the M4 Junction 43/A465 Llandarcy Interchange for approximately 2.3 kilometres.