

2013 No. 3257 (W. 319)

ROAD TRAFFIC, WALES

The A55 Trunk Road
(Penmaenbach Tunnel, Conwy
County Borough) (Temporary
Traffic Restrictions & Prohibitions)
(No.2) Order 2013

Made 23 December 2013

Coming into force 3 January 2014

The Welsh Ministers, being the traffic authority for the relevant length of the Chester – Bangor Trunk Road (A55) (hereinafter referred to as “the trunk road”) are satisfied that traffic in specified lengths of the trunk road should be restricted or prohibited by reason of works proposed to be executed thereon.

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) and of all other enabling powers(2), make this Order.

Title, Interpretation and Commencement

1. This Order comes into force on 3 January 2014 and its title is The A55 Trunk Road (Penmaenbach Tunnel, Conwy County Borough) (Temporary Traffic Restrictions & Prohibitions) (No.2) Order 2013.

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;

“length(s) of the trunk road” (“*y darn(au) o’r gefnffordd*”) means those lengths of the A55 trunk road specified in Schedules 1 to 6 to this Order;

“works period” (*"cyfnod y gwaith"*) means a period of closure dates as specified in Schedule 7 commencing at 18:00 hours on 3 January 2014 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.

Prohibitions and Restrictions

3. Subject to the provisions of article 15, no person shall, during the works period, drive or cause or permit any vehicle, other than an exempted vehicle, to be driven in either the eastbound or westbound carriageways of the length of the trunk road specified in Schedule 1.

4. (1) Whilst vehicle movement is, by article 3, prohibited in the eastbound carriageway, but pursuant to article 15, not prohibited in the westbound carriageway, no person shall drive so as to cause or permit any motor 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 either of the gaps in the central reservation of the length of the trunk road specified in Schedule 3.

(2) Whilst movement is, by article 3, prohibited in the westbound carriageway, but pursuant to article 15, not prohibited in the eastbound carriageway, no person shall drive so as to cause or permit any motor vehicle to:-

- (a) proceed in the offside lane of the eastbound carriageway in any direction other than westwards;
- (b) overtake any motor vehicle in the length of the trunk road specified in Schedule 2;
- (c) proceed in any direction other than westwards through either of the gaps in the central reservation of the length of the trunk road specified in Schedule 3.

5. Subject to the provisions of article 15, no person shall, during the works period, drive or cause or permit any motor vehicle to be driven at a speed exceeding 40 miles per hour in the lengths of the trunk road specified in Schedule 4.

6. Subject to the provisions of article 15, no person shall, during the works period, drive, cause or permit any motor vehicle to be driven at a speed exceeding 30 miles per hour in the lengths of the trunk road specified in Schedule 6, insofar as they relate to such times as the westbound carriageway is closed in accordance with article 3.

7. Subject to the provisions of article 15, no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle with a width of or exceeding 3.2 metres to proceed in the lengths of the trunk road specified in Schedule 5.

8. Subject to the provisions of article 15, no person shall, during the works period, drive or cause or permit any vehicle, other than an exempted vehicle, to be driven in the lengths of the trunk road specified in Schedule 4.

Suspensions

9. The provisions of The Trunk Road (A55) (Penmaenbach - Dwygyfylchi, Gwynedd) (One-Way Traffic) Order 1990(3) are hereby suspended insofar as they relate to the offside lane of the westbound carriageway of the length of the trunk road specified in Schedule 1 during such times as the eastbound carriageway is closed in accordance with article 3 and to the offside lane of the eastbound carriageway of the length of the trunk road specified in Schedule 1 during such times as the westbound carriageway is closed in accordance with that article.

10. The provisions of The A55 Trunk Road (Penmaenbach Tunnel, Gwynedd) (Closure of Central Reservation Crossings) Order 1994(4) are hereby suspended during such times as the prohibition specified in article 3 is in operation.

11. The provisions of The A55 Trunk Road (Penmaenmawr – Conwy Morfa, Conwy) (Derestriction) Order 2004(5) are hereby suspended in respect of the lengths of the trunk road specified in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of Schedule 4 during such times as the restriction specified in article 5 is in operation.

12. The provisions of The Special Road Order (Glan Conwy to Conwy Morfa) Regulations 1990(6) are hereby suspended in respect of the lengths of the trunk road specified in paragraphs 1 and 3 of Schedule 4 during such times as the restriction specified in article 5 is in operation.

13. The provisions of The A55 Trunk Road (Penmaenmawr, Gwynedd) (Derestriction) Order 1989(7) are hereby suspended in respect of the length of the trunk road specified in paragraph 2 of Schedule 4 during such times as the restriction specified in article 5 is in operation.

14. The provisions of The A55 Trunk Road (Glan Conwy - Conwy Morfa, Conwy County Borough) (Temporary 70mph Speed Limit) Order 2013(8) are hereby suspended in respect of the lengths of the trunk road specified in paragraphs 1 and 3 of Schedule 4 during such times as the restriction specified in article 5 is in operation.

Application

15. The provisions of articles 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 shall apply only at such times and to such extent as the application of the prohibitions and restrictions referred to therein is indicated by traffic signs.

Duration of this Order

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

Signed under authority of the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport, one of the Welsh Ministers.

Dated the

23 December 2013

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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 of the Government of Wales Act 2006, these powers are now exercisable by the Welsh Ministers in relation to Wales.
- (3) S.I. 1990/328
- (4) S.I. 1994/3088
- (5) S.I. 2004/2876
- (6) S.I. 1990/1586
- (7) S.I. 1989/1958
- (8) S.I. 2013/693 (W.85)

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1

Limits of the contraflow

The length of the trunk road that extends from a point 320 metres west of the western portal of the Penmaenbach Westbound Tunnel to a point 130 metres east of the eastern portal of the said tunnel.

SCHEDULE 2

Limits of the no overtaking restriction

The length of the eastbound (headland) carriageway that extends from a point 320 metres west of the western portal of the Penmaenbach Westbound Tunnel to a point 130 metres east of the eastern portal of the said tunnel.

SCHEDULE 3

Limits of the central reserve gaps

1. The gap in the central reservation situated between a point 130 metres east of the eastern portal of the Penmaenbach Westbound Tunnel and a point 65 metres east of the said portal.
2. The gap in the central reservation situated between a point 210 metres west of the western portal of the Penmaenbach Westbound Tunnel and a point 320 metres west of the said portal.

SCHEDULE 4

Prohibition of all vehicles during closure and a speed limit of 40 mph

1. The length of the westbound carriageway that extends from a point 500 metres east of the centre-point of the Junction 19 Glan Conwy Interchange roundabout to the centre-point of Red Gables Viaduct over-bridge, including the westbound on and off slip roads at Junctions 19, 18, 17, the roundabout at Junction 16 and the central reserve gap as defined in paragraph 2 of Schedule 3.
2. The length of the eastbound carriageway that extends from the centre-point of Red Gables Viaduct over-bridge to the central reserve at a point 191 metres west of the western portal of Penmaenbach Eastbound Headland Tunnel, including the central reserve gap as defined in paragraph 2 of Schedule 3.
3. The length of the eastbound carriageway that extends from the central reservation at a point 787 metres east of the eastern portal of the Penmaenbach eastbound Headland Tunnel to a point 500 metres east of the centre-point of the Junction 19 Glan Conwy

Interchange roundabout, including the eastbound on and off slip roads at Junctions 17, 18 and 19.

SCHEDULE 5
Vehicle width restrictions

1. The length of the eastbound carriageway that extends from a point 30 metres east of the centre-point of Junction 16, Puffin Roundabout to the end of the nose where the eastbound on slip road merges with the main A55 carriageway at Junction 18, Llandudno Junction Interchange.
2. The length of the westbound carriageway that extends from the start of the nose where the westbound off slip road diverges from the main A55 carriageway at Junction 18, Llandudno Junction Interchange to a point 30 metres east of the centre-point of Junction 16, Puffin Roundabout, including the westbound on slip road at Junction 18.

SCHEDULE 6
Extension of the Headland 30mph Speed Restriction

The length of the westbound carriageway and central reserve gap that extends from a point 130 metres east of the eastern portal of the Penmaenbach Westbound Tunnel to a point 65 metres east of the said portal.

SCHEDULE 7
Dates

18:00 3 January 2014 – 07:30 20 January 2014
18:00 29 April 2014 – 07:30 30 April 2014
18:00 30 April 2014 – 07:30 1 May 2014
18:00 15 July 2014 – 07:30 16 July 2014
18:00 16 July 2014 – 07:30 17 July 2014
18:00 14 October 2014 – 07:30 15 October 2014
18:00 15 October 2014 – 07:30 16 October 2014