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ROAD TRAFFIC, WALES

The A465, A470 & A4060 Trunk
Roads (Various Locations between
Rhymney Interchange, Caerphilly
County Borough and Glynneath
Interchange, Neath Port Talbot)
(Temporary Traffic Prohibitions &
Restrictions) Order 2021

Made

28 April 2021

Coming into force

1 May 2021

The Welsh Ministers, as traffic authority for the lengths of the A465, A470 and A4060 trunk roads, are satisfied that traffic on specified lengths of the trunk roads 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, A470 & A4060 Trunk Roads (Various Locations between Rhymney Interchange, Caerphilly County Borough and Glynneath Interchange, Neath Port Talbot) (Temporary Traffic Prohibitions & Restrictions) Order 2021 and this Order comes into force on 1 May 2021.

(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.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

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

- (a) any vehicle being used for the purposes described in section 87 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(1); 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 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 roads” (“*y cefnffyrdd*”) means the A465 Neath to Abergavenny trunk road, the A470 Cardiff to Llangurig trunk road and the A4060 East of Abercynon to East of Dowlais trunk road;

“works period” (“*cyfnod y gwaith*”) means intermittent periods commencing at 00:01 hours on 1 May 2021 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, other than an exempted vehicle, on the lengths of the trunk roads specified in Schedule 1 to this Order.

4. No person may, during the works period, drive any vehicle, other than an exempted vehicle, on either the westbound or eastbound carriageways of the length 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 15, not prohibited on the eastbound

(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).

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 15, not prohibited on the westbound carriageway, no person may drive any vehicle in the 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 3.25 metres on the lengths of the trunk roads specified in Schedules 1 and 2 to this Order.

7. 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 roads specified in Schedule 3 to this Order.

8. 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 length of the trunk road specified in Schedule 4 to this Order.

9. 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 length of the trunk road specified in Schedule 2 to this Order.

10. No person may, during the works period, drive any vehicle so as to make a right-hand turn or a left-hand turn on the lengths of the trunk roads specified in Schedule 1 to this Order.

11. No person may, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle to wait at any time on the sides of the lengths of the trunk roads specified in Schedule 1 to this Order, except upon the direction or with the permission of a police constable, police community support officer or civil enforcement officer.

12. No person may, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle to stop on the carriageway of the lengths of the trunk roads specified in Schedule 1 to this Order, except upon the direction or with the permission of a police constable, police community support officer or civil enforcement officer.

13. No person may, during the works period, ride any pedal cycle on the lengths of the trunk roads specified in Schedule 1 to this Order.

14. No pedestrian may, during the works period, proceed on the lengths of the trunk roads specified in Schedule 1 to this Order.

Application

15. The prohibitions and restrictions in articles 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 apply only during such times and to such extent as indicated by traffic signs.

Suspension

16. Any statutory provisions restricting the speed of vehicles on the lengths of the trunk roads specified in Schedules 3 and 4 to this Order are suspended during such times as the restrictions specified in articles 7 and 8 are in operation.

Duration of this Order

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

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

Dated

28 April 2021

Nicci Hunter
Business Team Leader
Welsh Government

SCHEDULE 1

Temporary prohibition of vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians, no left/right-hand turns and no waiting/stopping

The length of the A465 trunk road that extends from its junction with the A469 at Rhymney Interchange to its junction with the north-eastern side of Cefn-coed-y-cymmer Roundabout, including all exit and entry slip roads.

The length of the A465 eastbound entry slip road at Pant Industrial Estate that extends from a point 12 metres south of its junction with Pant Industrial Estate Road to its junction with the main A465 eastbound carriageway.

The length of the A465 westbound entry slip road at Pant Industrial Estate that extends from a point 50 metres north of its junction with Rocky Road, Merthyr Tydfil to its junction with the main A465 westbound carriageway.

The length of the A465 trunk road that extends from its junction with the western side of Cefn-coed-y-cymmer Roundabout to its junction with the eastern side of Hirwaun Roundabout, including all exit and entry slip roads.

The length of the A465 trunk road that extends from its junction with the western side of Hirwaun Roundabout to its junction with the south-eastern side of Rhigos Roundabout, including all exit and entry slip roads.

The length of the A465 westbound carriageway that extends from its junction with the western side of Rhigos Roundabout to the nosing of the westbound entry slip road at Glynneath Interchange, including all entry and exit slip roads.

The length of the A465 eastbound carriageway that extends from the nosing of the eastbound exit slip road at Glynneath Interchange to its junction with the western side of Rhigos Roundabout, including all entry and exit slip roads.

The lengths of the westbound and eastbound entry slip roads at Glynneath Interchange.

The length of the A470 trunk road that extends from the centre of Swansea Road Roundabout, Merthyr Tydfil to its junction with the A4054, including all laybys.

The length of the A4060 trunk road that extends from the centre of the roundabout at its junction with the A4102 to the centre of Dowlais Top Roundabout, including all laybys.

All laybys adjacent to the lengths of the westbound and eastbound carriageways of the A465 trunk road between Rhymney Interchange and Glynneath Interchange.

SCHEDULE 2
Contraflow & no overtaking

The length of the A465 trunk road that extends from the centre of Fifth Avenue over-bridge, Hirwaun to Hirwaun Roundabout.

SCHEDULE 3
Temporary 40 mph speed limit

The length of the A465 trunk road that extends from the centre of the River Neath over-bridge to its junction with the A469 over-bridge, east of Dowlais Top.

The length of the A470 trunk road that extends from the centre of Swansea Road Roundabout, Merthyr Tydfil to its junction with the A4054, north of Cefn-coed-y-cymmer.

SCHEDULE 4
Temporary 50 mph speed limit

The length of the eastbound carriageway of the A465 trunk road that extends from the centre of Glynneath Interchange to the centre-point of the River Neath over-bridge.