

**2016 No. 1134 (W. 272)**

**ROAD TRAFFIC, WALES**

The M4 Motorway & A48 Trunk  
Road (Earlswood Junction to Briton  
Ferry Roundabout, Neath Port  
Talbot) (Temporary Traffic  
Prohibitions & Restriction) Order  
2016

*Made* 21 November 2016

*Coming into force* 28 November 2016

The Welsh Ministers, being the traffic authority for the relevant lengths of the London – South Wales Motorway (M4) and London – Fishguard Trunk Road (A48) (hereinafter referred to as “the motorway” and “the trunk road”), are satisfied that traffic on specified lengths of the motorway and trunk road should be prohibited and restricted because of the likelihood of danger to the public.

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 28 November 2016 and its title is The M4 Motorway & A48 Trunk Road (Earlswood Junction to Briton Ferry Roundabout, Neath Port Talbot) (Temporary Traffic Prohibitions & Restriction) Order 2016.

**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 are 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 home 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 length of the motorway” (*“y darn o’r draffordd”*) means the entire length of the eastbound off slip road at Junction 42 (Earlswood) of the motorway in the County Borough of Neath Port Talbot specified in the Schedule to this Order;

“the lengths of the trunk road” (*“y darnau o’r gefnffordd”*) means the lengths of the trunk road in the County Borough of Neath Port Talbot specified in the Schedules to this Order;

“works period” (*“cyfnod y gwaith”*) means the period commencing at 20:00 hours on 28 November 2016 and ending when the temporary traffic signs are permanently removed.

(2) Any reference in this Order to a numbered article is a reference to the article bearing that number in this Order.

### **Prohibitions**

**3.** No person shall, during the works period, drive or cause or permit any vehicle, other than an exempted vehicle, to proceed in the lengths of the trunk road and motorway specified in Schedule 2.

**4.** No person shall, during the works period, use or permit any vehicle to make a right hand turn in the lengths of the trunk road specified in Schedule 3.

### **Restriction**

**5.** No person shall, during the works period, drive or cause or permit any vehicle to proceed at a speed exceeding 40 miles per hour in the lengths of the trunk road specified in Schedule 1.

## **Suspension**

6. Any statutory provisions restricting the speed of vehicles on the relevant length of the trunk road specified in article 2 are suspended during such times as the restriction specified in article 5 is in operation.

## **Application**

7. (1) The prohibitions and restriction in articles 3, 4 and 5 apply only during 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**

8. The maximum duration of this Order shall be 18 months.

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

Dated the 21 November 2016

*Nina Ley*  
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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. By virtue of S.I.1999/672, article 2 and Schedule 1 and paragraph 30(1) of Schedule 11 to the Government of Wales Act 2006, these powers are now conferred upon the Welsh Ministers in relation to Wales.

## **SCHEDULES**

### **SCHEDULE 1**

#### **Temporary 40 mph speed limit**

The length of the eastbound exit slip road of the motorway at Junction 42 (Earlswood) that extends in a northerly direction from its junction with the A48 and A483 at Earlswood Junction for a distance of 500 metres.

The length of the eastbound carriageway of the A48 trunk road that extends from its junction with the eastbound exit slip road of the motorway at Junction 42 (Earlswood) to its junction with Briton Ferry Roundabout.

The length of the westbound carriageway of the A48 trunk road that extends from its junction with Briton Ferry Roundabout to its junction with the westbound on slip road of the motorway at Junction 42 (Earlswood).

## **SCHEDULE 2**

### **Temporary Prohibition of vehicles**

The length of the eastbound carriageway of the A48 trunk road that extends from Junction 42 (Earlswood) in a easterly direction to its junction with Briton Ferry Roundabout.

The length of the westbound carriageway of the A48 trunk road that extends from its junction with Briton Ferry Roundabout to the centre-point of the A48 and A483 Junction at Earlswood.

The length of the westbound carriageway of the A48 trunk road from the centre-point of the A48 and A483 Junction at Earlswood to the start of westbound entry slip road of the motorway at Junction 42 (Earlswood).

## **SCHEDULE 3**

### **Temporary Prohibition of Right Hand Turn**

A right hand turn from the eastbound right turn lane of the A48 trunk road at Earlswood Junction.