

**2020 No. 1083 (W. 245)**

**ROAD TRAFFIC, WALES**

**The A465 Trunk Road (Rhigos,  
Rhondda Cynon Taf to Glynneath,  
Neath Port Talbot) (Temporary  
Traffic Prohibitions & Restrictions)  
Order 2020**

*Made* 2 October 2020

*Coming into force* 6 October 2020

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 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, Commencement and Interpretation**

**1.** The title of this Order is the A465 Trunk Road (Rhigos, Rhondda Cynon Taf to Glynneath, Neath Port Talbot) (Temporary Traffic Prohibitions & Restrictions) Order 2020 and it comes into force on 6 October 2020.

**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(2); and

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(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 powers are now exercisable by the Welsh Ministers in relation to Wales.

(2) 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).

(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 that period commencing at 20:00 hours on 6 October 2020 and ending when the temporary traffic signs are permanently removed.

### **Prohibitions and Restrictions**

**3.** No person may, during the works period, drive any vehicle on either the westbound or eastbound carriageway of the length of the trunk road specified in Schedule 1 to this Order.

**4.—(1)** Whilst movement is, by article 3, prohibited in the westbound carriageway but pursuant to article 10 not prohibited in the eastbound carriageway, no person may, during the works period, drive any vehicle in the offside lane of the eastbound carriageway of the length of the trunk road in any direction other than westwards.

(2) Whilst movement is, by article 3, prohibited in the eastbound carriageway but pursuant to article 10 not prohibited in the westbound carriageway, no person may, during the works period, drive any vehicle in the offside lane of the westbound carriageway of the length of the trunk road in any direction other than eastwards.

**5.** No person may, during the works period, drive any vehicle on the lengths of the trunk road specified in Schedule 2 to this Order.

**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 Schedule 2 to this Order.

**7.** No person may, during the works period, ride any pedal cycle on the lengths of the trunk road specified in Schedule 2 to this Order.

8. No person may, during the works period, use or permit the use of a vehicle in such a way that it overtakes any other vehicle on the lengths of the trunk road specified in Schedule 1 to this Order during such times as the prohibitions referred to in articles 3 and 4 are in operation.

9. No person may, during the works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 30, 40 or 50 miles per hour on the length of the trunk road specified in Schedule 3 to this Order.

### **Application**

10.—(1) The prohibitions and restrictions in articles 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 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.

### **Suspension**

11. Any statutory provisions restricting the speed of vehicles on the length of the trunk road specified in Schedule 3 to this Order are suspended during such times as the restrictions specified in article 9 are in operation.

### **Duration of this Order**

12. 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 2 October 2020

*Nicci Hunter*  
Business Team Leader  
Welsh Government

## **SCHEDULE 1 Contraflow & No Overtaking**

The length of the eastbound carriageway of the trunk road that extends from the crossover point approximately 1.6 kilometres east of the A465 Glynneath Interchange for a distance of approximately 1.1 kilometres.

The length of the westbound carriageway of the trunk road that extends from the crossover point approximately 2.18 kilometres west of the A465 Rhigos Halt Road underpass for a distance of approximately 1.1 kilometres.

The length of the eastbound entry slip road at Glynneath Interchange.

## **SCHEDULE 2**

### **Temporary Prohibition of Vehicles & Cyclists**

The length of the eastbound carriageway of the trunk road that extends from the nosing of the eastbound exit slip road at Glynneath Interchange to its junction with the main circulatory carriageway of Rhigos roundabout.

The length of the westbound carriageway of the trunk road that extends from its junction with the main circulatory carriageway of Rhigos roundabout to the nosing of the westbound entry slip road at Glynneath Interchange.

The length of the eastbound entry slip road at Glynneath Interchange.

The 3 lay-bys adjacent to the eastbound carriageway of the trunk road located from a point approximately 805 metres east of the A465 Glynneath Interchange for a distance of approximately 1.6 kilometres.

The 3 lay-bys adjacent to the westbound carriageway of the trunk road located from a point approximately 2.3 kilometres west of the A465 Rhigos Halt Road underpass for a distance of approximately 1.6 kilometres.

## **SCHEDULE 3**

### **Temporary 30 mph, 40 mph or 50 mph Speed Limits**

The length of the trunk road that extends from a point approximately 678 metres west of the A465 Glynneath Interchange to a point approximately 165 metres west of the A465 Rhigos Halt Road underpass.