

**2020 No. 495 (W. 117)**

**ROAD TRAFFIC, WALES**

**The A48 Trunk Road (Between  
Highbeech Roundabout and Wye  
Bridge, Chepstow, Monmouthshire)  
(Temporary Traffic Prohibitions and  
10 mph Speed Limit) Order 2020**

*Made* 29 April 2020

*Coming into force* 5 May 2020

The Welsh Ministers, as traffic authority for the A48 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<sup>(1)</sup>, make this Order.

**Title, Commencement and Interpretation**

**1.** The title of this Order is the A48 Trunk Road (Between Highbeech Roundabout and Wye Bridge, Chepstow, Monmouthshire) (Temporary Traffic Prohibitions and 10 mph Speed Limit) Order 2020 and it comes into force on 5 May 2020.

**2.** In this Order—

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

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<sup>(1)</sup> 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.

- (a) any vehicle being used for the purposes described in section 87 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 Act(2) or in connection with the works giving rise to this Order;
- (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 A48 London to Fishguard Trunk Road;

“works period” (*“cyfnod y gwaith”*) means intermittent periods commencing at 20:00 hours on 5 May 2020 and ending when the temporary traffic signs for each period of works are removed.

### **Prohibitions and Restriction**

**3.** No person may, during the works period, drive any vehicle, other than an exempted vehicle, on the length of the trunk road specified in Schedule 1 to this Order.

**4.** No person may, during the works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 10 miles per hour on the length of the trunk road specified in Schedule 2 to this Order.

**5.** 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 during such times as the restriction referred to in article 4 is in operation.

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(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).

## **Suspension**

6. Any statutory provisions restricting the speed of vehicles on the length of the trunk road specified in Schedule 2 to this Order are suspended during such times as the restriction specified in article 4 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 limit imposed by this Order applies to an exempted vehicle.

## **Duration of this Order**

8. The maximum duration for this Order is 18 months.

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

Dated

29 April 2020

*Nicci Hunter*  
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Welsh Government

## **SCHEDULE 1**

### **Temporary Prohibition of Vehicles**

The length of the eastbound carriageway of the trunk road that extends from a point 40 metres northeast of the centre point of Highbeech Roundabout to a point 15 metres west of the centre point of its junction with Bulwark Road.

The alternative route for traffic affected by the closure will be via the A466 Wye Valley Link Road, Thornwell Road and northbound on Bulwark Road.

Local access to premises along the A48 Newport Road will be available via the diversion route above.

## **SCHEDULE 2**

### **Temporary 10 mph Speed Limit & Prohibition of Overtaking during Convoy Working**

The length of the trunk road that extends from a point 40 metres northeast of the centre point of its junction with Highbeech Roundabout to a point 127 metres east of the centre point of its junction with Upper Church Street.