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ROAD TRAFFIC, WALES

**The A48 Trunk Road (Cross Hands
Roundabout to Pont Abraham
Roundabout, Carmarthenshire)
(Temporary Traffic Prohibitions and
Restrictions) Order 2023**

Made 29 June 2023

Coming into force 10 July 2023

The Welsh Ministers, as traffic authority for the relevant lengths of the A48 Trunk Road, are satisfied that traffic on specified lengths of the trunk road should be restricted and/or prohibited 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 and commencement

1. The title of this Order is the A48 Trunk Road (Cross Hands Roundabout to Pont Abraham Roundabout, Carmarthenshire) (Temporary Traffic Prohibitions and Restrictions) Order 2023 and this Order comes into force on 10 July 2023.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

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

(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.

- (a) any vehicle being used for the purposes described in section 87 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 Act(1) 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 lengths of the A48 London to Fishguard trunk road;

“works period” (“*cyfnod y gwaith*”) means intermittent periods commencing at 19:00 hours on 10 July 2023 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 road specified in Schedule 1 to this Order.

4. No person may, during the works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on the lengths of the trunk road specified in Schedule 2 to this Order.

5. No person may, during the works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 40 miles per hour on the lengths of the trunk road specified in Schedule 2 and 3 to this Order.

6. No person may, during the works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 10 miles per

(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).

hour on the lengths of the trunk road specified in Schedule 4 to this Order.

7. 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 lengths of the trunk road specified in Schedule 4 to this Order during such times as the restriction referred to in article 6 is in operation.

Suspensions

8. Any statutory provisions restricting the speed of vehicles on the lengths of the trunk road specified in Schedules 2, 3 and 4 are suspended during such times as the restrictions specified in articles 4, 5 and 6 are in operation.

Application

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

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

Signed on behalf of the Deputy Minister for Climate Change, acting under the authority of the Minister for Climate Change, one of the Welsh Ministers.

Dated the 29 June 2023

Nicci Hunter
Business Team Leader
Welsh Government

SCHEDULE 1

Temporary Prohibition of Vehicles

1. The entire length of the eastbound entry slip road at Meadows Bridge Interchange that extends from the give way markings of the roundabout east of Meadows Bridge to its physical nosing with the eastbound carriageway.

2. The entire length of the westbound exit slip road at Meadows Bridge Interchange that extends from its physical nosing with the westbound carriageway to the give way markings of the roundabout west of Meadows Bridge.

3. The length of the eastbound carriageway that extends from its junction with the main circulatory carriageway at Cross Hands Roundabout to its junction with the main circulatory carriageway at Pont Abraham Roundabout.

4. The length of the westbound carriageway that extends from its junction with the main circulatory carriageway at Pont Abraham Roundabout to its junction with the main circulatory carriageway at Cross Hands Roundabout.

SCHEDULE 2

Temporary 40 mph or 50 mph Speed Limit

1. The length of the eastbound carriageway that extends from a point 128 metres south east of its junction with the main circulatory carriageway at Cross Hands Roundabout to a point 600 metres north west of its junction with the main circulatory carriageway at Pont Abraham Roundabout.

2. The length of the eastbound entry slip road at Meadows Bridge Interchange that extends from a point 77 metres east of the give way markings of the roundabout east of Meadows Bridge to its physical nosing with the eastbound carriageway.

3. The length of the eastbound exit slip road at Meadows Bridge Interchange that extends from its physical nosing with the eastbound carriageway to a point 83 metres west of the give way markings of the roundabout east of Meadows Bridge.

4. The length of the westbound carriageway that extends from its junction with the main circulatory carriageway at Pont Abraham Roundabout to a point 128 metres east of its junction with the main circulatory carriageway at Cross Hands Roundabout.

5. The length of the westbound entry slip road at Meadows Bridge Interchange that extends from a point 83 metres west of the give way markings of the roundabout west of Meadows Bridge to its physical nosing with the westbound carriageway.

6. The length of the westbound exit slip road at Meadows Bridge Interchange that extends from its physical nosing with the westbound carriageway to a point 78 metres east of the give way markings of the roundabout west of Meadows Bridge.

SCHEDULE 3

Temporary 40 mph Speed Limit

The length of the eastbound carriageway that extends from a point 600 metres north of Pont Abraham Roundabout to its junction with the main circulatory carriageway at Pont Abraham Roundabout.

SCHEDULE 4

Temporary 10 mph Speed Limit and No Overtaking

- 1.** The length of the eastbound carriageway that extends from its junction with the main circulatory carriageway at Cross Hands Roundabout to its junction with the main circulatory carriageway at Pont Abraham Roundabout.
- 2.** The length of the eastbound entry slip road at Meadows Bridge Interchange that extends from the give way markings of the roundabout east of Meadows Bridge to its physical nosing with the eastbound carriageway.
- 3.** The length of the eastbound exit slip road at Meadows Bridge Interchange that extends from its physical nosing with the eastbound carriageway to the give way markings of the roundabout east of Meadows Bridge.
- 4.** The length of the westbound carriageway that extends from its junction with the main circulatory carriageway at Pont Abraham Roundabout to its junction with the main circulatory carriageway at Cross Hands Roundabout.
- 5.** The length of the westbound entry slip road at Meadows Bridge Interchange that extends from the give way markings west of Meadows Bridge to its physical nosing with the westbound carriageway.
- 6.** The length of the westbound exit slip road at Meadows Bridge Interchange that extends from its physical nosing with the westbound carriageway to the give way markings of the roundabout west of Meadows Bridge.