

2016 No. 459 (W. 145)

ROAD TRAFFIC, WALES

**The A465 Trunk Road (Neath
Interchange, Neath Port Talbot)
(Temporary Traffic Prohibitions &
Restrictions) Order 2016**

Made 24 March 2016

Coming into force 1 April 2016

The Welsh Ministers, being the traffic authority for the relevant length of the Neath – Abergavenny Trunk Road (A465) (“the trunk road”), are satisfied that traffic in specified lengths of the trunk road should be prohibited 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) and of all other enabling powers(2), make this Order.

Title, Interpretation and Commencement

1. This Order comes into force on 1 April 2016 and its title is The A465 Trunk Road (Neath Interchange, Neath Port Talbot) (Temporary Traffic Prohibitions & Restrictions) 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 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 lengths of the trunk road” (*“y darnau o’r gefnffordd”*) means the lengths of the trunk road at Neath Interchange 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 19:00 hours on 1 April 2016 and ending when the temporary traffic signs are permanently removed.

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

Prohibitions & Restrictions

3. Subject to the provisions of article 8, no person shall, during the works period, drive or cause or permit any vehicle to proceed in the lengths of the trunk road specified in Schedule 1.

4. Subject to the provisions of article 8, no person shall, during the works period, ride or cause to be ridden, any pedal cycle in the lengths of the trunk road specified in Schedule 1.

5. Subject to the provisions of article 8, no person shall, during the works period, drive or cause or permit any vehicle to proceed at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour in the lengths of the trunk road specified in Schedule 2.

6. Subject to the provisions of article 8, no person shall, during the works period, drive or cause or permit any vehicle to proceed at a speed exceeding 30 miles per hour in the lengths of the trunk road specified in Schedule 3.

Suspensions

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

Application

8. (1) The provisions of articles 3, 4, 5 and 6 apply only during such times and to such extent as the

application of the prohibitions and restrictions referred to therein is indicated by traffic signs.

(2) No speed limits imposed by this Order apply to an exempted vehicle.

Duration of this Order

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

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

Dated the 24 March 2016

Richard Morgan
Head of Asset Management and Standards
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.

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

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1

Temporary Prohibition of Vehicles & Cyclists

The length of the eastbound carriageway of the trunk road at Neath Interchange that extends from the nosing of the eastbound exit slip road to the nosing of the eastbound entry slip road.

The length of the westbound carriageway of the trunk road at Neath Interchange that extends from the nosing of the westbound exit slip road to the nosing of the westbound entry slip road.

SCHEDULE 2

Temporary 50 mph Speed Limit

The length of the eastbound carriageway of the trunk road that extends from the centre-point of Tennant Canal bridge to the centre-point of the River Clydach bridge, a distance of 750 metres.

The length of the westbound carriageway of the trunk road that extends from the end of the lay-by, east of Neath Interchange to the centre-point of the Neath footbridge, a distance of 1.1 kilometres.

SCHEDULE 3
Temporary 30 mph Speed Limit

The length of the eastbound carriageway of the trunk road that extends from the centre-point of the River Clydach bridge to the centre-point of the Neath footbridge, a distance of 1.4 kilometres.

The entire lengths of the eastbound exit and entry slip roads at Neath Interchange.

The length of the westbound carriageway of the trunk road that extends in a westerly direction from the centre-point of the Neath footbridge for a distance of 875 metres.

The entire length of the westbound exit slip road at Neath Interchange.