

**2021 No. 1186 (W. 296)**

**ROAD TRAFFIC, WALES**

**The M4 Motorway (Junction 37  
(Pyle), Bridgend to Junction 38  
(Margam), Neath Port Talbot)  
(Temporary Traffic Prohibitions &  
Restrictions) Order 2021**

*Made* 26 October 2021

*Coming into force* 1 November 2021

The Welsh Ministers, as traffic authority for the relevant length of the M4 motorway, are satisfied that traffic on specified lengths of the motorway 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 and commencement**

1. The title of this Order is the M4 Motorway (Junction 37 (Pyle), Bridgend to Junction 38 (Margam), Neath Port Talbot) (Temporary Traffic Prohibitions & Restrictions) Order 2021 and this Order comes into force on 1 November 2021.

**Interpretation**

2. In this Order—

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

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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 functions 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<sup>(1)</sup>; and
- (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 motorway” (*“y draffordd”*) means the M4 London to South Wales motorway;

“works period” (*“cyfnod y gwaith”*) means the period commencing at 20:00 hours on 1 November 2021 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 lengths of the motorway specified in Schedule 1 to this Order.

**4.—(1)** Whilst vehicle movement is, by article 3, prohibited on the westbound carriageway, but pursuant to article 10, not prohibited on the eastbound carriageway, no person may drive so as to cause or permit any motor vehicle to proceed in the offside lane of the eastbound carriageway in any direction other than westwards.

(2) Whilst vehicle movement is, by article 3, prohibited on the eastbound carriageway, but pursuant to article 10, not prohibited on the westbound carriageway, no person may drive so as to cause or permit any motor vehicle to proceed in the offside lane of the westbound carriageway in any direction other than eastwards.

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(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).

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

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

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

8. No person may, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle with a width of or exceeding 2.9 metres to proceed on the lengths of the motorway specified in Schedule 2 to this Order.

9. 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 motorway specified in Schedule 1 to this Order.

### **Application**

10.—(1) The prohibitions and restrictions in articles 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 apply only at such times and to such extent as indicated by traffic signs.

(2) No speed limit imposed by this Order applies to an exempted vehicle.

### **Suspensions**

11. Any statutory provisions restricting the speed of vehicles on the relevant lengths of the motorway specified in Schedules 3 and 4 to this Order are suspended during such times as the restrictions specified in articles 6 and 7 are in operation.

### **Duration of this Order**

12. 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

26 October 2021

*Nicci Hunter*  
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Welsh Government

**SCHEDULE 1**  
**Contraflow and no overtaking**

The length of the westbound carriageway of the motorway that extends from the crossover point 1 kilometre west of the westbound exit slip road at Junction 37 (Pyle) for a distance of 2.3 kilometres.

The length of the eastbound carriageway of the motorway that extends from the crossover point 3.3 kilometres east of the eastbound entry slip road at Junction 38 (Margam) for a distance of approximately 2.3 kilometres.

**SCHEDULE 2**  
**Temporary prohibition of vehicles**

The length of the westbound carriageway of the motorway that extends from the crossover point 1 kilometre west of the westbound exit slip road at Junction 37 (Pyle) for a distance of 2.3 kilometres.

The length of the eastbound carriageway of the motorway that extends from the crossover point 3.3 kilometres east of the eastbound entry slip road at Junction 38 (Margam) for a distance of approximately 2.3 kilometres.

The lengths of the westbound entry and eastbound exit slip roads at Junction 37 (Pyle).

All lay-bys adjacent to the eastbound and westbound carriageways of the motorway between Junction 37 (Pyle) and Junction 38 (Margam).

**SCHEDULE 3**  
**Temporary 40 mph speed limit**

The length of the westbound carriageway of the motorway that extends from a point 1 kilometre east of westbound exit slip road at Junction 38 (Margam) for a distance of approximately 4.7 kilometres.

The length of the eastbound carriageway of the motorway that extends from a point 0.67 kilometres east of the eastbound entry slip road at Junction 38 (Margam) for a distance of approximately 4.65 kilometres.

**SCHEDULE 4**  
**Temporary 50 mph speed limit**

The length of the westbound carriageway of the motorway that extends from a point 1.7 kilometres east of westbound exit slip road at Junction 38 (Margam) for a distance of approximately 700 metres.

The length of the eastbound carriageway of the motorway that extends from a point 0.6 kilometres east of the eastbound entry slip road at Junction 38 (Margam) for a distance of approximately 700 metres.