

2022 No. 181 (W. 60)

ROAD TRAFFIC, WALES

**The A55 Trunk Road
(Penmaenbach Headland, Conwy)
(Temporary Traffic Prohibitions &
Restrictions) Order 2022**

Made 25 February 2022

Coming into force 4 March 2022

The Welsh Ministers, as traffic authority for the relevant length of the A55 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 and commencement

1. The title of this Order is the A55 Trunk Road (Penmaenbach Headland, Conwy) (Temporary Traffic Prohibitions & Restrictions) Order 2022 and this Order comes into force on 4 March 2022.

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 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⁽¹⁾; 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 trunk road” (*“y gefnffordd”*) means the A55 Chester to Bangor trunk road;

“works period” (*“cyfnod y gwaith”*) means intermittent periods commencing at 19:00 hours on 4 March 2022 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 either the eastbound or westbound carriageway of the length of the trunk road specified in Schedule 1 to this Order.

4.—(1) Whilst vehicle movement is, by article 3, prohibited on the eastbound carriageway, but pursuant to article 12, not prohibited on the westbound carriageway, no person may drive so as to cause or permit any motor vehicle to:

- (a) proceed in the offside lane of the westbound carriageway in any direction other than eastwards;
- (b) overtake any motor vehicle on the length of the trunk road specified in Schedule 1 to this Order;
- (c) proceed in any direction other than eastwards through either of the gaps in the central

(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).

reservation of the length of the trunk road specified in Schedule 2 to this Order.

(2) Whilst vehicle movement is, by article 3, prohibited on the westbound carriageway, but pursuant to article 12, not prohibited on the eastbound carriageway, no person may drive so as to cause or permit any motor vehicle to:

- (a) proceed in the offside lane of the eastbound carriageway in any direction other than westwards;
- (b) overtake any motor vehicle on the length of the trunk road specified in Schedule 1 to this Order;
- (c) proceed in any direction other than westwards through either of the gaps in the central reservation of the length 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 30 miles per hour on the length of the trunk road specified in Schedule 3 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 length of the trunk road 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 length of the trunk road specified in Schedule 3 to this Order.

8. 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 4 to this Order.

9. No person may, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle with a width of or exceeding 3.0 metres or 3.2 metres to proceed on the length of the trunk road specified in Schedule 5 to this Order.

10. No person may, during the works period, ride any pedal cycle on the length of the trunk road specified in Schedule 6 to this Order.

11. No pedestrian may, during the works period, proceed on the length of the trunk road specified in Schedule 6 to this Order.

Application

12.—(1) The prohibitions and restrictions in articles 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 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.

Suspension

13. The provisions of The Trunk Road (A55) (Penmaenbach - Dwygyfylchi, Gwynedd) (One-Way Traffic) Order 1990(1) are suspended insofar as they relate to the offside lane of the westbound carriageway of the length of the trunk road specified in Schedule 1 to this Order during such times as the eastbound carriageway is closed in accordance with article 3 and to the offside lane of the eastbound carriageway of the length of the trunk road specified in Schedule 1 to this Order during such times as the westbound carriageway is closed in accordance with that article.

14. The provisions of The A55 Trunk Road (Penmaenbach Tunnel, Gwynedd) (Closure of Central Reservation Crossings) Order 1994(2) are suspended during such times as the prohibition specified in article 3 is in operation.

15. Any statutory provisions restricting or derestricting the speed of vehicles on the relevant length of the trunk road specified in Schedule 3 to this Order are suspended during such times as the restrictions specified in articles 5, 6 and 7 are in operation.

Duration of this Order

16. 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.

25 February 2022

Nicci Hunter
Business Team Leader
Welsh Government

SCHEDULE 1 Contraflow and no overtaking

The length of the trunk road that extends from a point 320 metres west of the western portal of the Penmaenbach Westbound Tunnel to a point 353 metres west of the western portal of Conwy Tunnel.

(1) S.I. 1990/328.
(2) S.I. 1994/3088.

SCHEDULE 2
Limits of the central reserve gaps

The gap in the central reservation situated between a point 210 metres west of the western portal of the Penmaenbach Westbound Tunnel and a point 320 metres west of that portal.

The gap in the central reservation situated between a point 446 metres west of the western portal of the Conwy Tunnel and a point 353 metres west of that portal.

SCHEDULE 3
Temporary 30 mph, 40 mph or 50 mph speed limit

The length of the trunk road that extends from the centre-point of Red Gables Viaduct over-bridge (near Junction 15a) to the centre-point of Station Road over-bridge (near Junction 20).

SCHEDULE 4
Temporary prohibition of vehicles

The length of the westbound carriageway of the trunk road (including all slip roads) that extends from the centre-point of Junction 19 to the centre-point of Junction 16.

The length of the trunk road that extends from a point 320 metres west of the western portal of the Penmaenbach Westbound Tunnel to a point 353 metres west of the western portal of Conwy Tunnel, including the eastbound exit and entry and westbound entry slip roads at Junction 17.

SCHEDULE 5
Vehicle width restriction

The length of the trunk road (including all slip roads) that extends from the centre-point of Junction 19 (Glan Conwy Interchange) to the centre-point of Junction 16 (Puffin Roundabout).

SCHEDULE 6
Temporary prohibition of cyclists and pedestrians

The length of the cycleway/footpath that extends from a point 787 metres east of the eastern portal of the Penmaenbach Eastbound Headland Tunnel, including the length of cycleway/footpath adjacent to the Junction 17 eastbound exit slip road, to its abutment with the A457 at the end of that slip road.