

2023 No. 693 (W. 104)

ROAD TRAFFIC, WALES

**The A55 Trunk Road (Junction 1
(Kingsland Roundabout),
Holyhead, Anglesey to east of
Junction 11 (Llys y Gwynt
Interchange), Bangor, Gwynedd)
(Temporary Traffic Restrictions &
Prohibition) Order 2023**

Made 22 June 2023

Coming into force 26 June 2023

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 restricted and/or prohibited because of works proposed on or near the road and because of the likelihood of a danger to the public on or near the road during periods of high winds.

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 (Junction 1 (Kingsland Roundabout), Holyhead, Anglesey to east of Junction 11 (Llys y Gwynt Interchange), Bangor, Gwynedd) (Temporary Traffic Restrictions & Prohibition) Order 2023 and this Order comes into force on 26 June 2023.

(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.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

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

- (a) any vehicle being used for the purposes described in section 87 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(1);
- (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 and the A55 London to Holyhead trunk road;

“works period” (“*cyfnod y gwaith*”) and “periods of high winds” (“*cyfnodau o wyntoedd cryfion*”) means intermittent periods commencing at 00:01 hours on 26 June 2023 and ending when the temporary traffic signs for each period of works or high winds are removed.

Restrictions and prohibition

3. No person may, during the works period or during periods of high winds, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 30 mph on the lengths of the trunk road specified in the Schedule to this Order.

4. No person may, during the works period or during periods of high winds, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 40 mph on the lengths of the trunk road specified in the Schedule to this Order.

5. No person may, during the works period or during periods of high winds, drive any motor vehicle at a

(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).

speed exceeding 50 mph on the lengths of the trunk road specified in the Schedule to this Order.

6. No person may, during the works period or during periods of high winds, drive any vehicle, other than an exempted vehicle, on the lengths of the trunk road specified in the Schedule to this Order.

Application

7.—(1) The restrictions and prohibition in articles 3, 4, 5 and 6 apply only during such times and to such extent as indicated by traffic signs.

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

Suspension

8. Any statutory provisions restricting the speed of vehicles on the lengths of the trunk road specified in the Schedule to this Order are suspended during such times as the restrictions specified in articles 3, 4 and 5 apply.

Duration of this Order

9. 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

22 June 2023

Nicci Hunter
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Welsh Government

SCHEDULE

The lengths of the main eastbound and westbound carriageways and all slip roads of the trunk road that extend from Junction 1 (Kingsland Roundabout), Holyhead, Anglesey to a point 800 metres east of the centre-point of Junction 11 (Llys y Gwynt Interchange), Bangor, Gwynedd.