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ROAD TRAFFIC, WALES

**The A483 Trunk Road (Junction 5
(Mold Road Interchange),
Wrexham to the Wales/England
Border) (Temporary Traffic
Prohibitions & Restrictions) Order
2023**

Made 30 January 2023

Coming into force 5 February 2023

The Welsh Ministers, as traffic authority for the relevant length of the A483 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 A483 Trunk Road (Junction 5 (Mold Road Interchange), Wrexham to the Wales/England Border) (Temporary Traffic Prohibitions & Restrictions) Order 2023 and this Order comes into force on 5 February 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 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⁾;
- (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 A483 Swansea to Manchester trunk road;

“works period” (*“cyfnod y gwaith”*) means the period commencing at 00:01 hours on 5 February 2023 and ending when the temporary traffic signs are permanently removed.

Prohibitions and restrictions

3. No person may, during the works period, drive any vehicle, other than an exempted vehicle, on either the northbound or southbound carriageway of the length of trunk road specified in Schedule 1 to this Order.

4.—(1) Whilst vehicle movement is, by article 3, prohibited on the northbound carriageway but, pursuant to article 12, not prohibited on the southbound carriageway, no person may drive so as to cause or permit any vehicle to proceed in the offside lane of the southbound carriageway in any direction other than northwards.

(2) Whilst vehicle movement is, by article 3, prohibited on the southbound carriageway but, pursuant to article 12, not prohibited on the northbound carriageway, no person may drive so as to cause or permit any vehicle to proceed in the offside

(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).

lane of the northbound carriageway in any direction other than southwards.

5. No person may, during the works period, drive any vehicle over 3.2 metres wide on the lengths of the trunk road specified in Schedule 2 to this Order.

6. 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 3 to this Order.

7. No person may, during the works period, ride any pedal cycle on the lengths of the trunk road specified in Schedule 3 to this Order.

8. 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 4 to this Order.

9. 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 4 to this Order.

10. 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 5 to this Order.

11. 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 Schedules 1, 4 and 5 to this Order.

Application

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

13. Any statutory provisions restricting the speed of vehicles on the lengths of the trunk road specified in Schedules 4 and 5 to this Order are suspended during such times as the restrictions specified in articles 8, 9 and 10 are in operation.

Duration of this Order

14. 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

30 January 2023

Nicci Hunter
Business Team Leader
Welsh Government

SCHEDULE 1

Contraflow

The length of the trunk road that extends from a point 3.2 kilometres north of Junction 6 (Gresford Interchange) to a point 150 metres north of Pulford Brook at the Wales/England border.

SCHEDULE 2

Temporary prohibition of wide vehicles

The length of the northbound carriageway of the trunk road that extends from the nosing of the northbound exit slip road at Junction 5 (Mold Road Interchange) to the Wales/England border.

The length of the southbound carriageway of the trunk road that extends from the Wales/England border to the nosing of the southbound entry slip road at Junction 5 (Mold Road Interchange).

SCHEDULE 3

Temporary prohibition of vehicles and cyclists

The length of the northbound carriageway of the trunk road that extends from the nosing of the northbound exit slip road at Junction 6 (Gresford Interchange) to the nosing of the northbound entry slip road at Junction 7 (Rossett Interchange).

The length of the southbound carriageway of the trunk road that extends from the nosing of the southbound exit slip road at Junction 7 (Rossett Interchange) to the nosing of the southbound entry slip road at Junction 6 (Gresford Interchange).

The length of the northbound carriageway of the trunk road that extends from the nosing of the northbound exit slip road at Junction 7 (Rossett Interchange) to the Wales/England border at Pulford Brook.

The length of the southbound carriageway of the trunk road that extends from the Wales/England border at Pulford Brook to the nosing of the southbound entry slip road at Junction 7 (Rossett Interchange).

The lengths of the northbound and southbound exit and entry slip roads at Junction 6 (Gresford Interchange) and Junction 7 (Rossett Interchange).

SCHEDULE 4

Temporary 30 mph or 40 mph speed limit and no overtaking

That length of the trunk road that extends from Junction 5 (Mold Road Interchange) to the Wales/England border.

SCHEDULE 5

Temporary 50 mph speed limit and no overtaking

That length of the trunk road that extends from a point 20 metres south of Junction 6 (Gresford Interchange) to the Wales/England border.