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ROAD TRAFFIC, WALES

The A55 Trunk Road (Junction 34
(Ewloe Interchange) to the
Wales/England Border, Flintshire)
(Temporary Traffic Prohibitions &
Restrictions) Order 2024

Made 6 February 2024

Coming into force 11 February 2024

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 (Junction 34 (Ewloe Interchange) to the Wales/England Border, Flintshire) (Temporary Traffic Prohibitions & Restrictions) Order 2024 and this Order comes into force on 11 February 2024.

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 A55 Chester to Bangor trunk road;

“works period” (*“cyfnod y gwaith”*) means intermittent periods commencing at 18:00 hours on 11 February 2024 and ending when the temporary traffic signs for each period of works are permanently removed.

Prohibitions and restrictions

3. 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 1 to this Order.

4. No person may, during the works period, drive any vehicle with a width of or greater than 3.2 metres on the lengths of the trunk road specified in Schedule 1 to this Order.

5. No person may, during the works period, ride any pedal cycle on the lengths of the trunk road specified in Schedule 1 to this Order.

6. No pedestrian may, during the works period, proceed on the lengths of the trunk road specified in Schedule 1 to this Order.

(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).

7. No person may, during the works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 30 miles per hour on the lengths of the trunk road specified in Schedule 2 to this Order.

8. No person may, during the works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 40 miles per hour on the lengths of the trunk road specified in Schedule 2 to this Order.

9. No person may, during the works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on the lengths of the trunk road specified in Schedule 2 to this Order.

10. 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 Schedule 2 to this Order.

Application

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

12. Any statutory provisions restricting the speed of motor vehicles on the lengths of the trunk road specified in Schedule 2 to this Order are suspended during such times as the restrictions specified in articles 7, 8 and 9 apply.

Duration of this Order

13. 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

6 February 2024

Nicci Hunter
Business Team Leader
Welsh Government

SCHEDULE 1
Temporary prohibition of traffic

The length of the eastbound carriageway of the trunk road that extends from the nosing of the eastbound exit slip road at Junction 35 (Dobshill) to the Wales/England border.

The lengths of the eastbound entry slip road at Junction 35, eastbound exit and entry slip roads at Junction 36 (Warren Interchange) and the eastbound entry slip road at Junction 36A.

The length of the westbound carriageway of the trunk road that extends from the Wales/England border to the nosing of the westbound entry slip road at Junction 35 (Dobshill),

The lengths of the westbound exit slip road at Junction 36A, westbound exit and entry slip roads at Junction 36 (Warren Interchange) and the westbound exit slip road at Junction 35.

SCHEDULE 2
Temporary 30 mph, 40 mph and/or 50 mph speed limits and no overtaking

The length of the eastbound carriageway of the trunk road that extends from the centre-point of Ewloe Interchange (Junction 34) to the Wales/England border.

The length of the westbound carriageway of the trunk road that extends from the Wales/England border to the centre-point of Dobshill Interchange (Junction 35).