

2024 No. 1027 (W. 172)

ROAD TRAFFIC, WALES

**The A48 Trunk Road (Earlswood
Junction to Briton Ferry
Roundabout, Neath Port Talbot)
(Temporary Traffic Prohibitions and
Restrictions) Order 2024**

Made 14 October 2024

Coming into force 21 October 2024

The Welsh Ministers, as traffic authority for the relevant length of the A48 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 A48 trunk road (Earlswood Junction to Briton Ferry Roundabout, Neath Port Talbot) (Temporary Traffic Prohibitions and Restrictions) Order 2024 and this Order comes into force on 21 October 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 powers are now exercisable by the Welsh Ministers in relation to Wales.

- (a) any vehicle being used by the emergency services for the purposes described in section 87 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984⁽¹⁾ or in connection with the works giving rise to this Order;
- (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 A48 London to Fishguard trunk road;

“works period” (*“cyfnod y gwaith”*) means intermittent periods commencing at 20:00 hours on 21 October 2024 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 the lengths of the trunk road specified in Schedule 1 to this Order.
- 4.** No person may, during the works period, ride any pedal cycle on the length of the trunk road specified in Schedule 2 to this Order.
- 5.** No pedestrian may, during the works period, proceed on the length of the trunk road specified in Schedule 2 to this Order.
- 6.** 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 3 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).

Application

7.—(1) The prohibitions and restrictions in articles 3, 4, 5 and 6 apply only during 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

8. Any statutory provisions restricting the speed of vehicles on the relevant lengths of the trunk road specified in Schedule 3 to this Order are suspended during such times as the restriction specified in article 6 is in operation.

Duration of this Order

9. The maximum duration for this Order is 18 months.

Signed on behalf of the Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales, one of the Welsh Ministers.

Dated

14 October 2024

Nicci Hunter
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Welsh Government

SCHEDULE 1 Temporary Prohibition of Vehicles

1. The length of the eastbound carriageway of the A48 trunk road that extends from Junction 42 (Earlswood) in an easterly direction to its junction with Briton Ferry Roundabout.

2. The length of the westbound carriageway of the A48 trunk road that extends from its junction with Briton Ferry Roundabout to the A48 and A483 Junction at Earlswood.

SCHEDULE 2 Temporary Prohibition of Cyclists and Pedestrians

The lengths of the A48 trunk road shared use path on both the northern and southern sides of the road bridge over the River Neath between Earlswood Junction and Briton Ferry Roundabout.

SCHEDULE 3 Temporary 30 mph Speed Limit

The length of the eastbound and westbound carriageways of the A48 trunk road that extend from Junction 42 (Earlswood) to its junction with Briton Ferry Roundabout (including the gyratory).