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ROAD TRAFFIC, WALES

**The M4 Motorway (Junction 42) &
The A48 Trunk Road (Earlswood
Interchange, Briton Ferry)
(Temporary Speed Limit & Closure
of Hard Shoulder) Order 2024**

Made 27 August 2024

Coming into force 2 September 2024

The Welsh Ministers, as traffic authority for the relevant lengths of the M4 and A48 Trunk Road, are satisfied that traffic on specified lengths of the motorway and trunk road should be restricted and/or prohibited because of works proposed on or near the roads.

The Welsh Ministers, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by section 14(1) and (4) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(1), make this Order.

Title and commencement

1. The title of this Order is the M4 Motorway (Junction 42) & The A48 Trunk Road (Earlswood Interchange, Briton Ferry) (Temporary Speed Limit & Closure of Hard Shoulder) Order 2024 - and this Order comes into force on 2 September 2024.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

(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.

“the motorway” (“*y draffordd*”) means the M4 London to South Wales Motorway;

“the trunk road” (“*y gefnffordd*”) means the A48 London to Fishguard Trunk Road;

“works period” (“*cyfnod y gwaith*”) means intermittent periods commencing at 00.01 on 2 September 2024 and ending when the temporary traffic signs are permanently removed.

Restriction

3. No person may, during the works period, drive any motor vehicle, at a speed exceeding 40 miles per hour on the lengths of the motorway and trunk road specified in Schedule 1 to this Order.

Prohibition

4. No person may, during the works period, drive any vehicle on the lengths of the hard shoulder on the motorway and trunk road specified in Schedule 2 to this Order.

Application

5. The prohibition and restriction in articles 3 and 4 apply only during such times and to such extent as indicated by traffic signs.

Duration of this Order

6. The maximum duration of this Order is 18 months.

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

Dated the 27 August 2024

Tim Barnes
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Transport
Welsh Government

SCHEDULE 1
Temporary 40 mph speed limit

The length of the M4 eastbound carriageway that starts from a point approximately 30 metres south of Llandarcy Interchange to a point 600 metres east of Brunel Way, including Junction 43 eastbound on-slip from Llandarcy interchange to a point where it joins the M4 main carriageway.

The length of the M4 westbound carriageway that starts from a point 600 metres east of Brunel Way to a point approximately 30 metres south of Llandarcy Interchange, including Junction 43 westbound off-slip from the point it diverges from the M4 main carriageway to the Llandarcy interchange.

The length of M4 Junction 42 eastbound on-slip that starts from a point where it diverges from the A483 Trunk Road to a point where it meets the M4 main carriageway.

The length of M4 Junction 42 westbound on-slip that starts from a point where A48 and A483 Trunk Roads intersect to a point where it meets the M4 main carriageway.

The length of M4 Junction 42 eastbound off-slip that starts from a point where it diverges from the M4 main carriageway to a point where it meets the intersection of A48 and A483 Trunk Roads.

The length of the A48 approach to Junction 42 of the M4 that starts from the Brunel Way / A48 roundabout to a point where it meets the intersection with the A483 Trunk Road.

SCHEDULE 2
**Temporary Prohibition of Vehicles from
Hard Shoulder**

The length of the M4 eastbound carriageway that starts from a point on the M4 main carriageway where the Junction 42 eastbound off-slip starts to a point 165 metres east of the A483 Trunk Road (below M4).

The length of the M4 westbound carriageway that starts from a point on the M4 main carriageway 165 metres east of the A483 Trunk Road (below M4) to a point where the Junction 42 westbound on-slip starts.

The length of the M4 Junction 42 eastbound on-slip that starts from a point approximately 50 metres north of the M4 overbridge at the Junction 42 eastbound on-slip to the point where the slip road meets the M4 main carriageway.