

**2024 No. 25 (W. 8)**

**ROAD TRAFFIC, WALES**

The A4042 Trunk Road (Cwmbran  
Roundabout, Torfaen to Little Mill  
Junction, Monmouthshire)  
(Temporary Traffic Prohibitions and  
Restrictions) Order 2024

*Made* 9 January 2024

*Coming into force* 15 January 2024

The Welsh Ministers, as traffic authority for the A4042 trunk road, are satisfied that traffic on a specified length 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<sup>(1)</sup>, make this Order.

**Title and commencement**

1. The title of this Order is the A4042 Trunk Road (Cwmbran Roundabout, Torfaen to Little Mill Junction, Monmouthshire) (Temporary Traffic Prohibitions and Restrictions) Order 2024 and this Order comes into force on 15 January 2024.

**Interpretation**

2. In this Order—

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

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(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<sup>(1)</sup> 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 A4042 Newport to Shrewsbury Trunk Road;

“works period” (*“cyfnod y gwaith”*) means intermittent periods commencing at 00:01 hours on 15 January 2024 and ending when the temporary traffic signs for each period of works have been removed.

### **Prohibitions and Restrictions**

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

**4.** 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.

**5.** 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 3 to this Order.

**6.** No person may, during the works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 10 miles per

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(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).

hour on the length of the trunk road specified in Schedule 4 to this Order.

7. 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 length of the trunk road specified in Schedule 4 to this Order during such times as the restriction referred to in article 6 is in operation.

### **Suspension**

8. Any statutory provisions restricting the speed of vehicles on the lengths of the trunk road are suspended during such times as the restrictions specified in articles 4, 5 and 6 are in operation.

### **Application**

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

### **Duration of the Order**

10. The maximum duration for 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

9 January 2024

*Nicci Hunter*  
Business Team Leader  
Welsh Government

## **SCHEDULE 1 Temporary Prohibition of Vehicles**

That length of the trunk road that extends from its junction with the northern side of the Pontypool Roundabout main circulatory carriageway to a point 15 metres southwest of the centre point of the A472 Little Mill Junction, to include both northbound and southbound carriageways and to include the circulatory carriageways of Court Farm Roundabout and Mamhilad Roundabout.

**SCHEDULE 2**  
**Temporary 50mph Speed Limit**

That length of the trunk road from its junction with the northern side of the Cwmbran Roundabout main circulatory carriageway to a point 1000 metres south of its junction with the main circulatory carriageway of Pontypool Roundabout.

That length of the trunk road from its junction with the northern side of the Pontypool Roundabout main circulatory carriageway to its junction with the southern side of the Court Farm Roundabout main circulatory carriageway.

**SCHEDULE 3**  
**Temporary 40mph Speed Limit**

That length of the trunk road from a point 1000 metres south of its junction with the main circulatory carriageway of Pontypool Roundabout to its junction with the southern side of the Mamhilad Roundabout main circulatory carriageway.

**SCHEDULE 4**  
**Temporary 10mph Speed Limit and Prohibition of Overtaking**

That length of the trunk road from its junction with the northern side of the Pontypool Roundabout main circulatory carriageway to its junction with the southern side of the Court Farm Roundabout main circulatory carriageway.