WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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ROAD TRAFFIC, WALES

The A48 & A483 Trunk Roads & M4 Motorway (Pont Abraham Roundabout and its Approaches, Carmarthenshire) (Temporary Traffic Restrictions & Prohibition) (No.2) Order 2012

Made	*27 December 2012*
Coming into force	*7 January 2013*

The Welsh Ministers, being the traffic authority for the relevant length of the London – Fishguard Trunk Road (A48), the Swansea – Manchester Trunk Road (A483) (hereinafter referred to as "the trunk road(s)) and the London – South Wales Motorway (M4) (hereinafter referred to as "the motorway"), are satisfied that traffic in specified lengths of the trunk roads and motorway should be restricted or prohibited by reason of works proposed to be executed thereon.

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)** and of all other enabling powers**(2)**, make this Order.

Title, Interpretation and Commencement

1. This Order comes into force on 7 January 2013 and its title is The A48 & A483 Trunk Roads & M4 Motorway (Pont Abraham Roundabout and its Approaches, Carmarthenshire) (Temporary Traffic Restrictions & Prohibition) (No.2) Order 2012.

2. —(1) In this Order:

"exempted vehicle" *("cerbyd esempt")* means any vehicle being used by the emergency services or in connection with the works giving rise to this Order;

"the lengths of the trunk roads" *("y darnau o'r cefnffyrdd")* means those lengths of the A48 and A483 trunk roads at and approaching Pont Abraham

Roundabout in the County of Carmarthenshire specified in the Schedules to this Order;

"the length of the motorway" *("y darn o'r draffordd")* means the length of the M4 motorway approaching Pont Abraham Roundabout in the County of Carmarthenshire specified in Schedule 1;

"works period" *("cyfnod y gwaith")* means the period commencing at 00:01 hours on 7 January 2013 and ending when the temporary traffic signs are permanently removed.

(2) Any reference in this Order to a numbered article or Schedule is a reference to the article or Schedule bearing that number in this Order.

Restrictions & Prohibition

3. Subject to the provisions of article 10, no person shall, during the works period, drive or cause or permit any vehicle, other than an exempted vehicle, to proceed at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour in the lengths of the trunk road and motorway specified in Schedule 1.

4. Subject to the provisions of article 10, no person shall, during the works period, drive or cause or permit any vehicle, other than an exempted vehicle, to proceed at a speed exceeding 40 miles per hour in the lengths of the trunk roads and motorway specified in Schedules 1 and 2.

5. Subject to the provisions of article 10, no person shall, during the works period, drive or cause or permit any vehicle, other than an exempted vehicle, to proceed at a speed exceeding 10 miles per hour in the lengths of the trunk roads and motorway specified in Schedules 1 and 2.

6. Subject to the provisions of article 10, no person shall, 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 in the lengths of the trunk roads and motorway specified in Schedules 1 and 2 during such times as the restriction referred to in article 5 is in operation.

7. Subject to the provisions of article 10, the hard shoulder adjacent to the westbound and eastbound carriageways of the length of the motorway specified in Schedule 1 shall be made available for use as a traffic lane.

Suspensions

8. Regulation 5 of the Motorways Traffic (England and Wales) Regulations 1982**(3)** and the provisions of Regulation 9 of those Regulations relating to the driving of vehicles are suspended insofar as they apply to the hard shoulder which is contiguous with the length of the westbound and eastbound carriageways