

**2023 No. 941 (W. 152)**

**ROAD TRAFFIC, WALES**

**The A494 Trunk Road (Bala,  
Gwynedd) (Temporary Prohibition  
of Vehicles and 40 MPH Speed  
Limit) Order 2023**

*Made* 29 August 2023

*Coming into force* 3 September 2023

The Welsh Ministers, as traffic authority for the relevant lengths of the A494 trunk road, are satisfied that traffic on specified lengths of the trunk road should be prohibited and restricted due to the Bala Triathlon event being held on or near the road.

The Welsh Ministers, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(1), make this Order.

**Title and commencement**

1. The title of this Order is the A494 Trunk Road (Bala, Gwynedd) (Temporary Prohibition of Vehicles and 40 MPH Speed Limit) Order 2023 and this Order comes into force on 3 September 2023.

**Interpretation**

2. In this Order—

“closure period” (“*y cyfnod cau*”) means that period commencing at 08:00 hours on 3 September 2023 and ending when the temporary traffic signs are permanently removed;

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

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(1) 1984 c. 27. Section 16A was inserted by the Road Traffic Regulation (Special Events) Act 1994, section 1(1). By virtue of S.I. 1999/672, article 2 and Schedule 1, 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.

- (i) any public service vehicle;
- (ii) any vehicle being used by the emergency services;
- (iii) any vehicle being used in connection with works to the road or lighting or traffic signs or emergency works to any sewer or to any main or apparatus for the supply of gas, water or electricity, or telecommunications in, or in any land adjacent to, a length of road concerned;
- (iv) any vehicle being used by an authorised official in support of and for safety reasons of the Bala Triathlon;
- (v) 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—
  - (a) 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
  - (b) or 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 A494 Dolgellau to South of Birkenhead trunk road.

### **Prohibition**

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

### **Restriction**

4. No person may, during the closure period, drive any vehicle, other than an exempted vehicle as specified in article 2(ii) and 2(v) at a speed exceeding 40 miles per hour on the length of the trunk road specified in Schedule 2 to this Order.

### **Suspension**

5. Any statutory provisions restricting the speed of vehicles on the length of the trunk road specified in Schedule 2 is suspended during such times as the restriction specified in article 4 is in operation.

## **Application**

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

## **Duration of this Order**

7. The maximum duration of this Order is 1 day.

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

29 August 2023

*Nicci Hunter*  
Business Team Leader  
Welsh Government

## **SCHEDULES**

### **SCHEDULE 1**

#### **Temporary Prohibition of Vehicles**

The length of the A494 trunk road that extends from a point 12 metres south-west of the centre-point of its junction with the road leading to Penllyn Leisure Centre, Bala in a south-westerly direction to a point 6 metres north-east of its junction with the Class 3 road leading to Rhydymain near Ysgol Ieuan Gwynedd. Pedestrian access to premises will be maintained.

### **SCHEDULE 2**

#### **Temporary 40 mph speed limit**

The length of the A494 trunk road that extends from a point 198 metres north-east of the centre-point of its junction with the A4212, for a distance of 500 metres.