From: [redacted]
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: A55 Jct 33a e/b DVSA enforcement vehicles.
Date: 18 March 2026 10:38:00

[redacted]

Good morning all

Thank you for the information provided. I can confirm that we are satisfied you have suitably assessed the site, and we are content for you to continue operating from the slip road.

Regards

[redacted]

Is-adran Rheoli'r Rhwydwaith - Network Management Division
Trafnidiaeth - Transport
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 18 March 2026 09:32
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: A55 Jct 33a e/b DVSA enforcement vehicles.

Bore Da [redacted]

Are you able to meet at Jct 33a this coming Friday 20th , or are the RA's sent by [redacted] (DVSA) suitable for your decision.

I am of the opinion that DVSA being stationary at Jct 33a is appropriate, to target unsafe & unlawful use of commercial vehicle and our Roads. There are a number of points, but briefly I believe the risk associated with being stationary to the offside of the slip road (over a series of broken white lines) is acceptable given the slow 'on speed' of vehicles at this location, early view/visibility, Battenberg livery of DVSA stopper vehicles etc. I will also add that the position of which is infrequent, and is not lengthy In duration.

The risks associated to the DVSA stopper staff are covered by [redacted] / DVSA's RA's.

I am more than happy to meet on site.

[redacted]

Diolch

[redacted]
Rhyngyll | Sergeant

Uned Troseddau Ffyrdd | Roads Crime Unit
Heddlu Gogledd Cymru | North Wales Police
[redacted]

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 09 March 2026 15:53
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: A55 Jct 33a e/b DVSA enforcement vehicles.

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Good Afternoon [redacted]

Thank you for the information provided below, to assist Welsh Government as highway authority for the A55 – are you able to provide your current risk assessment / method statement for the use of the J33a Brookside junction eastbound onslip hatched area?

Many thanks

[redacted]
Rheolwr Llwybr | Route Manager

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 09 March 2026 13:24
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Re: A55 Jct 33a e/b DVSA enforcement vehicles.

Hi [redacted],

Thanks for responding to [redacted] on this and thanks also for forwarding to [redacted].

We have been using this current location since we were granted Powers To Stop in 2003. We have had no incidents and, until recently, had not received any complaints about us parking there.

Last year, we were contacted by a member of the public who complained about us parking there, questioning our authority. I responded through our corporate office, but they have come back to us questioning our authority further.

Each site we use will have had approval from the police and the highways authority responsible for the site. Unfortunately, the management team at Llay has changed a couple of times in the last few years and the necessary approval paperwork cannot be found. It is this approval which I am trying to find to ascertain that we do have the authority to park where we do. I guess this is the reason why we'd like to meet up.

When I have addressed the complainants concerns previously, I have quoted certain parts of the Highway Code to illustrate that the chevrons are within a broken white line and not a continuous white line. The broken white line I believe allows us to park on the chevron. To quantify this, I asked our policy team the question and this is what they have concluded (sorry for the length of this)

*In terms of the rules, the relevant provision in the **Highway Code is Rule 130**, which deals with areas of white diagonal stripes (chevrons). Where chevrons are **bordered by a broken white line**, the Code says drivers should not enter the area unless it is necessary and they can see that it is safe to do so. The absolute prohibition ("MUST NOT enter except in an emergency") only applies where the chevrons are bordered by a **solid** white line.*

*This position is reinforced in **Know Your Traffic Signs**, which explains that hatched markings bounded by a broken line identify parts of the carriageway not normally used by traffic, but may be entered when necessary and safe. Only chevron areas bounded by a continuous line are subject to a strict prohibition on entry other than in an emergency.*

Given the physical layout here – a slip road entry, broken boundary line, no live traffic lane on the right and no separation of traffic flows – I do not see anything in either the Highway Code or Know Your Traffic Signs that makes brief, operational use of this area automatically impermissible. In policy terms, it is capable of falling within the "necessary and safe" discretion described in both sources, provided the use is temporary and clearly linked to an operational requirement.

I would still distinguish this from situations where chevrons are actively protecting turning movements or separating traffic streams, where using them as a waiting position would be much harder to justify. That does not appear to be the

case at this location.

Separately from the Highway Code position, the usual DVSA governance considerations still apply. It remains important that:

- *the location has been assessed as suitable,*
- *a current risk assessment is in place, and*
- *the relevant authorities (police / highways, as appropriate in Wales) are content with its use.*

Given the long-standing use of the site and the fact it is also used by North Wales Police, that seems reasonable in practice, but I think it would be sensible to ensure the approval position is clearly documented and retained, particularly given the recent public challenge.

Overall, based on the markings and layout shown in the photos, I don't see a conflict with either the Highway Code or Know Your Traffic Signs in the short-term, operational use you describe, provided the necessity and safety tests are met.

Hope this gives you and [redacted] sufficient background to the issue and I look forward to meeting up on 20th.

Regards,

[redacted]

[redacted] Enforcement Delivery Manager for North West, North Wales, and the Midlands
Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency, Knowsley MBC, Stretton Way, Huyton, Merseyside L36 6JF
Phone: [redacted]

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 06 March 2026 12:06
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: A55 Jct 33a e/b DVSA enforcement vehicles.

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Good Afternoon [redacted],

Thank you for your email.

I can confirm the information requested would not be held by NMWTRA as Welsh Governments maintaining agent for the strategic road network, therefore I have copied in [redacted] (Welsh Government Area Manager) who may be able to provide further assistance with your enquiry.

Regards,

[redacted]
Rheolwr Llwybr | Route Manager

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 05 March 2026 15:28
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: A55 Jct 33a e/b DVSA enforcement vehicles.

Good afternoon [redacted]

Your details were passed to me by [redacted] (NMWTRA) who suggested this was your area, and I hope you can assist further.

I have spoken to [redacted] (NMWTRA) before Christmas about this particular issue, and although he did assist, I was not able to fully bottom out the issue. I have been in discussion with [redacted] (DVSA) who is dealing with a complaint from [redacted] and is regarding DVSA Traffic Officers positioning themselves on A55 Jct33a (e/b) in order to target Commercial Vehicles and escort them to Ewloe weighbridge.

I am aware of The Motorways Traffic Regs, but I'm not able to specifically find references to Dual Carriageways and I have not had sighting of any TRO's for the A55 on/off slips which would provide further direction. Moreover, our roads crime team officers also use the same location - So I have an interested in working towards an agreement and the 'legality' of positioning enforcement vehicles at the on Slip Jct 33a.

Could we possibly arrange a meeting for Friday 20th March to work towards an agreement/strategy regarding using that location?

I have CC'd [redacted] (DVSA Enforcement Manager) who initially contacted me regarding this issue, and who may wish to provide further information?

[redacted]

Diolch
[redacted]

[redacted]
Uned Troseddau Ffyrdd | Roads Crime Unit
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From: [redacted]
Sent: 05 March 2026 14:54
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: A55 - DVSA

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Hi [redacted],

Should you wish to raise or discuss any issues relating to DVSA on the A55, I suggest you speak with [redacted]

Diolch

[redacted]

[redacted]
Swyddog Diogelwch Twnnel a Rheolwr Chadernid | Tunnel Safety Officer and Resilience Manager

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