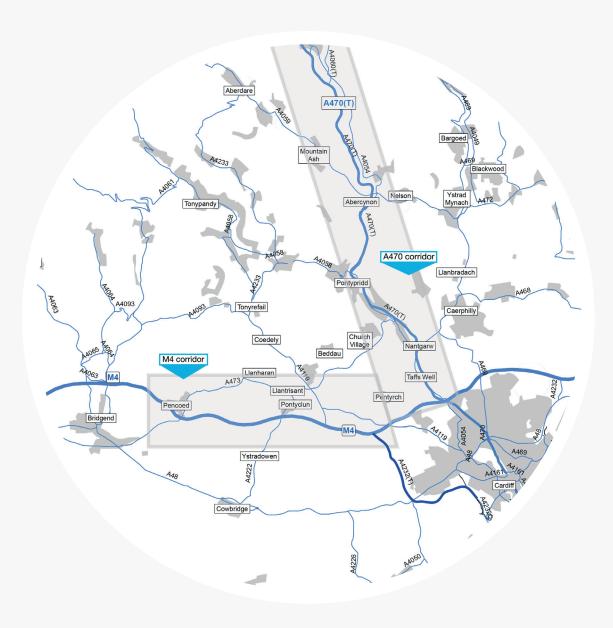


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A470/M4 Corridor Congestion Study (WelTAG Stage 2)

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Appendix A

Option Shortlisting and Preferred Options

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A470 Type of Measures ¹	Long List of Options (A470)	Source	Shortlisted Option Description/Commentary [Option excluded from short-list]	A470 Preferred Options ²
Bus Rapid Transit services connecting cross-valleys	Cross-Valley Bus Rapid Transit services (as a Metro extension)	1/3	Cross-Valley Bus Rapid Transit services (as a Metro extension) connecting cross-valleys (Pontypool – Newbridge – Ystrad Mynach – Pontypridd) extending to Talbot Green. Addresses study problems and objectives but considered deliverable in the medium term and thus will be considered at concept level only.	44
	Bus priority – Cardiff to Pontypridd	1	Insertion of intermittent bus lane on A470. Addresses problems due to likely improvements in bus journey time and reliability but potential deliverability issues due to carriageway width.	Incorporated in Smart Expressway measures
Local bus service re-	Bus priority - Pontypridd to Porth	1	[This scheme is outside of the area of scope and therefore does not address this particular study's problems and objectives]	✓
orientation to serve	Bus Priority - Pontypridd to Aberdare	1	[Mainly situated within the area of scope but is unlikely to have a significant impact on the A470 at key problem areas]	✓
Metro Stations	Bus priority - Pontypridd to Merthyr	1	[Situated within the area of scope but is unlikely to have a significant impact on the A470 at key problem areas]	✓
	New bus station near Merthyr Tydfil rail station	1	[Situated within the area of scope but is unlikely to have a significant impact on the A470 at key problem areas]	✓
	Pontypridd bus station upgrade	1	[Some likely mode share benefits and localised improvements but its impact strategically likely to be insignificant on the A470 itself]	✓
Localised road	A470 Cardiff Gabalfa - Coryton 'Make Better Use' improvements	1	[This scheme is outside of the area of scope and therefore does not address this particular study's problems and objectives]	✓
improvements and bus priority on major side roads	A470 Bus Priority (Nantgarw to Coryton)	7	Insertion of intermittent bus lane on A470 Addresses problems due to likely improvements in bus journey time and reliability but potential deliverability issues due to carriageway width	Incorporated in Smart Expressway measure
	Coryton rail station new P&R facility (Metro)	1	[South of the study area and hence will not have an impact on mode share on the A470 north of Coryton]	✓
	Merthyr Tydfil station P&R (Metro)	1	[Minor impact on mode share through intercepting trips into Cardiff but unlikely to address congestion at key problem areas on the A470]	✓
Major P&R provision	Taffs Well Station P&R (Metro)	1	[This scheme should be considered in the context of the outline proposal to provide a new Metro station at Nantgarw (see below)]	✓
at Metro Stations accessed from the	Trefforest station additional P&R spaces (Metro)	1	[Minor impact on mode share through intercepting trips into Cardiff but unlikely to address congestion at key problem areas on the A470]	✓
A470	Pontypridd Metro Station P&R – utilising parking bays within the existing car park	1	[The scheme is likely to intercept some car journeys into Cardiff, but its impact is likely to be limited at a strategic level on the A470 carriageway]	✓
	A470 Northern Corridor bus P&R	1	[Likely to result in slight mode shift but unlikely to address the key corridor problems which are predominantly on the southern section of the A470]	✓
	Porth Metro Interchange P&R	1	[Minor impact on mode share and outside of study area]	✓
	A473 Trefforest Industrial Estate new east-west road link to Tonteg Road	1	[This scheme would benefit local congestion during peak periods for those entering the industrial estate. However, this will have limited benefit on the A470 itself, particularly towards its southern section]	✓
	Reduced Speed Limit (A470 Upper Boat to Pontypridd) – Air Quality	5	Pilot implementation and monitoring study by Welsh Government	444
	Major traffic management and control measures at A470 Nantgarw Interchange	3/6	Signalisation of Interchange ; Additional ancillary lane to exit lane (NB and SB) Additional lane on Roundabout Gyratory; Improved active travel connection	111
Major traffic	Major traffic management and control measures at A470 Taffs Well Interchange	3/6	Signalisation of southbound slip road onto junction and improved Active Travel connection	444
management and control measures at			[A470 Southbound to M4 Westbound – via an elevated structure over Longwood Woodland between the A470 southbound off-slip and the M4 westbound.]	✓
A470 Interchanges	Major traffic management and control measures at A470 Coryton Interchange	2 /c	[A470 Southbound to M4 Westbound – via a through link from A470 Southbound to M4 Westbound with underbridge beneath the M4 motorway.]	✓
		3/6	A470 Southbound to M4 Westbound – via a through link from A470 Southbound to M4 Westbound via Traffic Control Wales side road, including provision of a new overbridge structure.	√ √
			[A470 Southbound to M4 Westbound – via a two-lane A470 Coryton exit slip road, linking to the M4 westbound via a new overbridge structure.]	✓
	Major traffic management and control	2 /c	[Introduction of a one-way system through the industrial estate – to improve slow of traffic leaving the A470 reduce blocking back. Potential improvement (on side roads and hence being addressed by RCT CBC);]	✓
	measures at A470 Upper Boat Interchange	3/6	[Modification of Tonteg Road/Industrial Estate Junction – aimed at regulating and improving flow of traffic leaving the A470 to reduce blocking back. Potential improvement (on side roads and hence being addressed by RCT CBC)]	✓

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Type of Measures ¹	Long List of Options (A470)	Sou	[Option excluded from short-list]	Options ²
			[New link road between Tonteg Road and Gwaelod-y-Garth Road [A470-8] to relieve pressure on Tonteg Road/Gwaelod y Garth Road junction – to reduce blocking back onto A470. Potential improvement (on side roads and hence being addressed by RCT CBC)]	✓
	A465 Heads of the Valleys Improvements	1	[This scheme is outside of the study area and does not therefore address study problems and objectives]	✓
	A470 Swansea Road (Trago Mills) roundabout traffic management	8	[Currently being considered as part of another WelTAG study. Addresses important local issues but has less impact on the key corridor problems and objectives.]	✓
			Additional 3rd lane on the A470 mainline between Upper Boat and Nantgarw	√ √
			Additional 3rd lane on the A470 mainline between Nantgarw and Taffs Well	444
SMART Expressway traffic management	Smart expressway & traffic management	3	Lane reallocation (southbound) and additional 3rd lane (northbound) on the A470 mainline between Taffs Well and Coryton	√√√
on mainline A470	measures on the A470 South		Speed limit reduction to 50mph as an extension of trial 50mph 'Air Quality' scheme on A470 at Pontypridd	444
			Overhead Gantries with VMS on A470 (Variable speed limit/lane allocations) Updates to Network Management Plans	111
	New rail station at Pentrebach – Hoover Site (Metro)	1	[Addresses study problems and objectives but considered deliverable in the longer term and thus not considered as part of this study]	✓
	Relocation of Trefforest Industrial Estate Station to Nantgarw (Metro)	1	This scheme would benefit local congestion during peak periods for those entering the industrial estate. However, this will have limited benefit on the A470 itself, particularly towards its southern section	√ √
High quality 'mass transit' public transport (with P&R)	New rail station – Pontypridd Interchange, next to the existing bus station (Metro)	1	[Unlikely to have large impact on traffic volumes on southern section of A470, where most congestion and air pollution occur]	✓
	New rail station at Glyngoch on the Taff Line, north of Pontypridd (Metro)	1	[Unlikely to have a significant impact on traffic volumes on the A470 itself, and considered to be a longer-term aspiration]	✓
	New rail station at Ynysboeth on the Aberdare Line (Metro)	1	[Outside of the area of scope and therefore does not address study problems and objectives]	✓
Active travel improvements built in to all improvement options	Active travel will be incorporated within the preferred schemes identified within this study	3/6	Taffs Well Interchange: The proposed Priority Scheme includes a new controlled pedestrian/cycle crossing of the southbound off-slip at its junction with the interchange gyratory (on the NCN 8 route) Nantgarw Interchange: The proposed Priority Scheme includes a controlled pedestrian /cycle crossing at the northbound off-slip junction with the gyratory, and an uncontrolled crossing at the southbound on-slip just south of the gyratory – this providing a high quality and safe pedestrian/cycle link from east-to-west (and linking NCN 8 with employment and education centres on the Trefforest Industrial Estate).	444

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Preferred Priority Option Concept Option/Potential longer-term improvement; could be further developed outside this study Not a preferred option in this Study; but could be further developed outside this study Not a preferred option — and not recommended for further investigation

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- 3. WelTAG Stage One Study (M4/A470)
- 4. WelTAG Stage Two Study (A4119)
- 5. A470 Pontypridd WelTAG Stage 2 Report (WSP)
- 6. M4 A470 WelTAG Stage 2 study engagement
- 7. A470 Bus Priority Preliminary Feasibility Study (Welsh Govt)
- 8. A470 Swansea Road (Trago Mills) WelTAG Stage 2

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M4 Type of Measures ¹	Long List of Options (M4)	Source	Option Design Development	M4 Preferred Options ²
A new heavy	New Rail Station – Miskin/Junction 34 (SWML)	1	Addresses study problems and objectives but considered deliverable in the medium term and thus will be considered at concept level only	
rail station (and P&R)	New Rail Station – St Fagan's (SWML)	1	[This scheme is likely to have a limited positive impact, as it would serve a small local catchment only]	✓
accessible	New Rail station Brackla (SWML)	1	[Outside of the area of scope and therefore does not address study problems and objectives]	✓
from the M4 at J34	Enhanced P&R at existing rail stations (Pontyclun/Llanharan/Pencoed)	1	[Outside of the area of scope and therefore does not address study problems and objectives]	✓
	Bus priority - Tonypandy to Llantrisant/Talbot Green	1	[This scheme has some beneficial impacts by providing a more attractive travel time – and reduced operator cost – but would require increase in service frequency and integration with other service to be successful]	✓
	Bus priority - Bridgend to Llantrisant/Talbot Green	1	[This scheme has some beneficial impacts on problems by providing a more attractive travel time – and reduced operator cost – but would require increase in service frequency and integration with other service to be successful]	✓
Bus Rapid Transit services	Cross-Valley Bus Rapid Transit services (as a Metro extension)	1/3	Cross-Valley Bus Rapid Transit services (as a Metro extension) connecting cross-valleys (Pontypool – Newbridge – Ystrad Mynach – Pontypridd) extending to Talbot Green Addresses study problems and objectives but considered deliverable in the medium term and thus will be considered at concept level only.	11
connecting cross-valleys	Rapid Bus Link from J33 to A473	4	Included in above This is a major scheme, which would have a major local positive impact on modal use – and would encourage significant mode-switch from car to public transport for travel from RCT to Cardiff and beyond, and hence reduce traffic congestion significantly	Included in above
	North West Cardiff Corridor Rapid Transit (Metro extension) Pontyclun - Beddau	1	Included in above This is a major scheme and is extension/is dependent on delivery of the Cardiff – Llantrisant option, therefore is not considered as part of this study. It is likely to have a moderate positive impact on modal use	Included in above
High quality 'mass transit'	North West Cardiff Corridor Rapid Transit (metro extension) Cardiff - Llantrisant	1	North West Cardiff Corridor Rapid Transit (metro extension) Cardiff – Llantrisant Addresses study problems and objectives and likely to have significant impact, however is a longer-term scheme to be considered as concept only	√ √
public transport (with P&R)	transport M4 J33 P&R		M4 J33 P&R This scheme has beneficial impacts on problems by providing a practical alternative to travel by car into Cardiff from the M4 West and A4119	**
Local bus service re-	Bus priority - Talbot Green/Pontyclun to Cardiff	1	[This scheme will have slight beneficial impacts on problems by providing a more attractive travel time – and reduced operator cost – but would not significantly improve congestion along the M4]	✓
orientation	Cardiff Western Bus Corridor (A48, A4119 and A4232 to M4 Junction 33)	1/2	[This scheme has beneficial impacts on problems by providing a practical alternative to travel by car into Cardiff from the M4 West and A4119. However, the scheme would require an associated P&R service from M4 J33 (considered as part of this study).]	✓
	A4119 Castell Mynach junction 'Make Better Use'	1	[This scheme addresses a key local congestion point however its impact on the M4 motorway itself would be limited]	✓
Localised road	A4119 Corridor Junction Capacity Improvements 'Make Better Use'	1	[This scheme addresses local congestion and would improve the ability of the local road network to cope with development-related travel]	✓
improvements	A4119 Coed Ely improvements	1	[Outside of the area of scope and therefore does not address study problems and objectives]	✓
and bus priority on	A48/A473 Bridgend Corridor Improvements	1	[This scheme addresses local congestion and would improve the ability of the local road network to cope with development-related travel but would have a limited impact on actual traffic congestion along the M4.]	✓
major side roads	A473 Llanharan Traffic Relief	1	[This scheme addresses local congestion along the A473 and will increase east-west traffic capacity to cope with major development-generated traffic increases, however impact on the M4 motorway itself would be limited]	✓
	A473 Talbot Green improvements	1	[This scheme addresses local congestion along the A473 and will increase east-west traffic capacity to cope with major development-generated traffic increases, however impact on the M4 motorway itself would be limited]	✓
Major traffic management	MA 122 Troffic Management and Control	4	Three-lane approach on the eastbound exit slip for signal stacking (lane 1 would be dedicated for P&R); 100m ancillary lane on the A4232 approach arm; Widening and potential signalisation of the A4232 approach arm and Services arm; Introduction of an additional merge lane at J33 on-slip going westbound.	111
and control measures at	M4 J33 Traffic Management and Control	1	[Grade-separated connections between the A4232 to M4 westbound, and from the M4 (eastbound) to the A4232 (towards Cardiff)]	✓
M4			Additional lanes on gyratory across motorway – which requires two new bridge structures adjacent to existing bridges – to increase stacking space on gyratory and thereby reduce queues on slip roads.	*

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M4 Type of Measures ¹	Long List of Options (M4)	Source	Option Design Development	M4 Preferred Options ²
Interchanges (J33 and J34)			Additional lanes on western gyratory across motorway – which requires a new bridge structures adjacent to existing bridge - to increase stacking space on gyratory and thereby reduce queues on slip road.	*
	Junction 34 to A48/Cardiff Airport	1	[Currently being considered as part of another WelTAG study. Schemes developed at J34 to consider potential impact]	✓
	M4 new J34A	1	[Would provide access to major development site, but generated traffic could adversely affect the operation of mainline traffic on the M4 given the additional weaving movements and could add traffic to Junction 33 in particular. A new motorway junction is a long-term aspiration that would fall outside of the Pinch Point Programme objective for short-medium term solutions.]	✓
	M4 J35 'Make Better Use' Improvements	1	[Investigations carried out within Phase 1 of this study indicated that the problems were at a lesser level than at M4 J33 and J34 and hence J35 is not considered further within this Study as a priority location for scheme development. Bridgend CBC is currently considering local improvement measures.]	✓
			Widening and signalisation of the A4119 approach arm and gyratory; Widening of slip road merge eastbound	///
			Additional lanes on gyratory across motorway, which requires two new bridge structures adjacent to existing bridges - to increase stacking space on gyratory and thereby reduce queues on slip roads.	*
			[Proposed dedicated cycle lane (north to south) on an overhead structure.]	✓
	M4 J34 Traffic Management and Control	3/6	Additional lanes on eastern gyratory across motorway, which requires a new bridge structure adjacent to existing bridge - to increase stacking space on gyratory and thereby reduce queues on westbound off-slip road.	*
			[Dedicated bus lane on western side of junction, to enable a public transport link between Talbot Green and the Vale of Glamorgan to be established. This measure requires a new bridge structure in place adjacent to existing bridge]	✓
			[Dedicated cycle lane on eastern side of junction – which may require a new bridge structure over the M4]	✓
SMART			Westbound 4-lane carriageway to match cross-section of eastbound carriageway.	444
Motorway traffic			Reallocation of lanes on M4 (J34 to J33) eastbound to 2-lane ahead and 2-lane exit (to J33).	///
management	Smart motorway & traffic management measures	3/6	Overhead Gantries with VMS on M4 J34-J33 and on A4232 (Variable speed limit/lane allocations)	444
and control	on the M4		Updates to Network Management Plans	444
measures on the M4			Parallel road link between Junction 34 and J33, in the form of service roads alongside motorway, or separate road link between A4119 and A4232	4
Active travel improvements built in to all improvement measures	Active travel will be a key consideration when developing all schemes as part of this study		M4 Junction 34: A cycle/walk link across the interchange has been devised, including a new bridge over the M4. This scheme would however only be feasible in future if the M4 J34 to A48 Sycamore Cross scheme is constructed – currently being investigated by the Vale of Glamorgan CBC (see Section 5.4). North West Cardiff Rapid Transit: It is relevant that future consideration and investigation of the proposed North West Cardiff Rapid Transit scheme (which is identified as a Concept Option in this Study) should include for the potential to include a cycle path alongside the rail (or busway) infrastructure. Park and Ride at M54 Junction 33: It would be beneficial to include provision for cycle parking at this potential future Park & Ride site, such that cyclists can arrive from the A4119 (north of the location), park near M4 Junction 33, and travel onwards to Cardiff on the (proposed) North West Cardiff Rapid Transit.	444

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Appendix B

A470 Preferred Options Assessment

Table 42:Impact of A470 Options against Objectives

Large Beneficial	+++
Moderate Beneficial	++
Slight Beneficial	+
Neutral	0
Slight Adverse	-
Moderate Adverse	
Large Adverse	

 $Table\ 43:\ Nantgarw\ Interchange-Signalisation,\ widening\ of\ gyratory/on\ approach\ to\ better\ manage\ queues$

Scheme Objectives	Criteria	Score	Comment
	Reduce delays	+	Benefits This will allow platooning and
	Improves journey time reliability for road vehicles and buses	++	enhances opportunities to 'hold' queues on the Nantgarw approach.
Transport	Provides opportunity for public transport interchange (stops/stations and/or Park & Ride)	0	Measure would lead to increased capacity along the northbound off-slip and provide related safety benefits with
Objectives	Provides benefits for bus services	+	respect to rear-shunt incidents, which primarily occur due to queuing and slow-moving traffic on junction
	Provides benefits for pedestrians and/or cyclists	++	approach.An additional lane on the roundabout
	Reduces the transport contribution towards poor air quality	+	gyratory will provide increased capacity and will also deliver additional 'stacking' space for vehicles
Operational	Improves network resilience for highway and public transport	++	following the signalisation of the junction.
Effectiveness	Improves overall traffic management capability	+++	• The existing footpath is informal, however is evidently utilised by
	Is potentially feasible within Improv		pedestrians from initial investigation. Improvements to the existing situation should therefore result in a safety
	Is geometrically feasible within existing road space or with limited road widening	-	benefit and increase usage of the pedestrian link.
Engineering and Safety Objectives	Can be implemented with limited construction impact on traffic conditions	-	 Design Considerations The existing Nantgarw junction has a gyratory roundabout layout and is
	Provides a safe facility for all road users	++	grade-separated from the A470 mainline which bridges over the junction. The junction is not currently
	Impacts on utilities and roadside facilities/infrastructure	-	signalised. •The gyratory carriageway under the
Delineral 224	Cost		A470 overbridges is considered unlikely to be able to accommodate three lanes and hence has been
Deliverability	Buildability	-	maintained as a two-lane cross-section.

Table 44: Taffs Well Interchange – Signalisation of SB off-slip and provide National Cycle Network (NCN) crossing

Scheme Objectives	Criteria	Score	Comment
,	Dadwa dalawa		Benefits
	Reduce delays Improves journey time reliability for road vehicles and buses	+	• Likely to provide a betterment with respect to road safety in comparison to the existing arrangement which requires cyclists to cross the roundabout at an uncontrolled crossing point,
Transport Objectives	Provides opportunity for public transport interchange (stops/stations and/or Park & Ride)	0	situated at the end of the southbound off-slip. This should encourage transfer of trips from private car.
Objectives	Provides benefits for bus services	+	 Design Considerations Existing junction includes a cycleway on the nearside edge of the roundabout. This is a part
	Provides benefits for pedestrians and/or cyclists	++	of the National Cycle Network. • Proposals include improving the standard of
	Reduces the transport contribution towards poor air quality	+	the NCN route by providing signalised crossings.
Operational	Improves network resilience for highway and public transport	+	• The gyratory carriageway under the A470 overbridges is considered unlikely to be able to accommodate three lanes and hence has been maintained as a two-lane cross-section.
Effectiveness	Improves overall traffic management capability	++	manitamed as a two-rane cross-section.
	Is potentially feasible within existing highway corridor	+++	
	Is geometrically feasible within existing road space or with limited road widening	0	
Engineering and Safety Objectives	Can be implemented with limited construction impact on traffic conditions	0	
	Provides a safe facility for all road users	++	
	Impacts on utilities and roadside facilities/infrastructure	-	
Deliverability	Cost	-	
Denverability	Buildability	-	

Table 45: Upper Boat – Revised traffic management to address queues blocking back to A470

Scheme Objectives	Criteria	Score	Comment
Objectives	Reduce delays	+	Benefits • Implementation of a one-way system (or other traffic management variation) would
	Improves journey time reliability for road vehicles and buses	+	improve the flow of traffic with potential to eradicate the existing issues relating to priority at junctions, which appears to be one of the
Transport Objectives	Provides opportunity for public transport interchange (stops/stations and/or Park & Ride)	0	main cause of queuing. • Junction modification would enable better traffic management to remove problem of traffic blocking back to A470.
32,300	Provides benefits for bus services	0	• A new road link would relieve pressure on the existing Tonteg Road/Gwaelod y Garth Road
	Provides benefits for pedestrians and/or cyclists	0	junction (south-west of Upper Boat junction) through provision of an alternative route in/out of the various employment at Trefforest Estate.
	Reduces the transport contribution towards poor air quality	+	Design Considerations • Northbound vehicles currently enter Tonteg
Operational	Improves network resilience for highway and public transport	0	Road from Upper Boat junction and merge from two lanes to one lane immediately after Treforest Industrial Estate. This causes
Effectiveness	Improves overall traffic management capability	+	significant queuing traffic at peak periods back onto Upper Boat junction. Introducing traffic management at this location is aimed at
	Is potentially feasible within existing highway corridor	+++	addressing this issue. • A new major road link between A473 and Gwaelod-y-Garth Road, with local junction
	Is geometrically feasible within existing road space or with limited road widening	+++	modification, would require consideration of gradient and topography as the western portion of the new link is on higher ground than Upper Boat.
Engineering and Safety Objectives	Can be implemented with limited construction impact on traffic conditions	+	
	Provides a safe facility for all road users	0	
	Impacts on utilities and roadside facilities/infrastructure	0	
Dalfman 1984	Cost	-	
Deliverability	Buildability	-	

 $Table\ 46: Taffs\ Well\ to\ Nantgarw-Implementing\ three\ narrow\ lanes\ on\ two-lane\ sections\ Northbound\ and\ Southbound$

Scheme Objectives	Criteria	Score	Comment
- Sujectives	Raduca dalaye	4.1	Benefits
	Improves journey time reliability for road vehicles	++	• It is proposed to include additional auxiliary lane for the A470 between Nantgarw and Taffs Well, which will provide additional capacity with the size of reducing congestion and
Transport	and buses Provides opportunity for public transport interchange (stops/stations and/or Park & Ride)	0	with the aim of reducing congestion and improving journey time reliability along the route. Design Considerations
Objectives	Provides benefits for bus services	+	• The additional lane will be provided in a lane drop/lane gain between diverge and marge slip roads.
	Provides benefits for pedestrians and/or cyclists	0	The additional auxiliary lane could potentially be accommodated within the existing highway
	Reduces the transport contribution towards poor air quality	+	boundary – but with narrow lane widths with approximate dimensions: 1m hard strip, 3.6m lane one, 3.5m lane two, 3.35m lane three and
Operational	Improves network resilience for highway and public transport	++	1m central reserve.
Effectiveness	Improves overall traffic management capability	++	
	Is potentially feasible within existing highway corridor	0	
	Is geometrically feasible within existing road space or with limited road widening	0	
Engineering and Safety Objectives	Can be implemented with limited construction impact on traffic conditions		
	Provides a safe facility for all road users	+	
	Impacts on utilities and roadside facilities/infrastructure	-	
Deliverability	Cost		
Denverability	Buildability		

 $Table\ 47: Coryton\ to\ Taffs\ Well-Real location\ of\ three\ Southbound\ lanes\ and\ narrow\ lanes\ in\ Northbound\ direction\ north\ of\ Coryton$

Scheme Objectives	Criteria	Score	Comment
	Reduce delays	++	Benefits
	Improves journey time reliability for road vehicles and buses	++	• It is proposed to provide three lanes in both directions with improved lane allocation to match traffic flows - which will reduce congestion and improve journey time reliability
Transport Objectives	Provides opportunity for public transport interchange (stops/stations and/or Park & Ride)	0	along the route. Design Considerations • At A470 southbound – two-lane diverge onto
Objectives	Provides benefits for bus services	+	Coryton gyratory and one lane ahead onto A470 towards Cardiff.
	Provides benefits for pedestrians and/or cyclists	0	Narrow lane widths can potentially be provided in the northbound direction with approximate dimensions: 1m hard strip, 3.6m
	Reduces the transport contribution towards poor air quality	+	lane one, 3.5m lane two, 3.35m lane three and 1m central reserve.
Operational	Improves network resilience for highway and public transport	++	
Effectiveness	Improves overall traffic management capability	++	
	Is potentially feasible within existing highway corridor	0	
	Is geometrically feasible within existing road space or with limited road widening	0	
Engineering and Safety Objectives	Can be implemented with limited construction impact on traffic conditions		
	Provides a safe facility for all road users	+	
	Impacts on utilities and roadside facilities/infrastructure	-	
Deliverability	Cost		
Denverability	Buildability		

Table 48: Pontypridd to Coryton – Reduced Speed Limit to address Air Quality

Scheme Objectives	Criteria	Score	Comment
	Reduce delays	+	Benefits
	Improves journey time reliability for road vehicles and buses	++	• The scheme would provide benefits with respect to bus journey time and reliability and should also encourage some modal shift from the private car to bus.
Transport Objectives	Provides opportunity for public transport interchange (stops/stations and/or Park & Ride)	0	Design Considerations • Preliminary investigation indicates that insertion of intermittent bus lane is potentially
02 ,000	Provides benefits for bus services	+	geometrically feasible and will involve: - use of narrow lanes (3.2m – 3.3m).
	Provides benefits for pedestrians and/or cyclists	0	- reducing the standard of the A470 (e.g. reduce speed limit, replace hard shoulder with 1m
	Reduces the transport contribution towards poor air quality	++	strip). - potentially providing bus lanes on Taff Well and Coryton slip roads instead of on the A470
Operational	Improves network resilience for highway and public transport	0	mainline.
Effectiveness	Improves overall traffic management capability	++	
	Is potentially feasible within existing highway corridor	+++	
	Is geometrically feasible within existing road space or with limited road widening	+++	
Engineering and Safety Objectives	Can be implemented with limited construction impact on traffic conditions	++	
	Provides a safe facility for all road users	++	
	Impacts on utilities and roadside facilities/infrastructure	0	
D 100.	Cost	-	
Deliverability	Buildability	-	

Table 49: Variable Message Signage (VME) mounted on gantries on A470 (incl. updates to Network Management Plans, utilising ITS and traffic officers to improve everyday operation and network resilience, particularly in the event of incidents or road works)

Scheme Objectives	Criteria	Score	Comment
, and the second	D 1 11		Benefits
	Reduce delays Improves journey time reliability for road vehicles and buses	++	• VMS provides improved traffic management with resilience and safety benefits. VMS signage can provide capability to vary speed limit according to conditions, and to vary lane
Transport Objectives	Provides opportunity for public transport interchange (stops/stations and/or Park & Ride)	+	allocation for ahead and exit movements depending on traffic conditions, roadworks, accidents etc. • Updates to Network Management Plans will
Objectives	Provides benefits for bus services	+	ensure that network operation will benefit from the latest developments in ITS technology. The
	Provides benefits for pedestrians and/or cyclists	0	Plans will include contingency planning as well as traffic officer coverage, VMS, Smart Route Technology and other measures to improve
	Reduces the transport contribution towards poor air quality	+	resilience. Design Considerations
Operational	Improves network resilience for highway and public transport	++	• Existing overhead gantries are located on the approach to the southbound and northbound diverge slip roads to the Taffs Well junction.
Effectiveness	Improves overall traffic management capability	+++	Speed limit signage is installed on the A470 southbound gantries only.
	Is potentially feasible within existing highway corridor	++	Careful consideration will be the need to use existing gantries and insertion of new gantries in compliance with standard spacing
.	Is geometrically feasible within existing road space or with limited road widening	+++	requirements. • Ongoing consultations with SWTRA will be required to ascertain the extent of existing network operation planning and monitoring and
Engineering and Safety Objectives	Can be implemented with limited construction impact on traffic conditions	++	future aspirations. ITS management strategy applies on whole corridor basis and should take account of other
	Provides a safe facility for all road users	++	key routes which could provide a diversion route in the event of an incident on the A470 or have an impact on traffic conditions along the
	Impacts on utilities and roadside facilities/infrastructure	0	corridor.
Deliverability	Cost		
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Appendix C

M4 Preferred Design Options Assessment

Table 50: Impact of M4 Options against Objectives

Large Beneficial	+++
Moderate Beneficial	++
Slight Beneficial	+
Neutral	0
Slight Adverse	-
Moderate Adverse	
Large Adverse	

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Table 51: M4 J34 - Signalisation and gyratory widening – with or without M4 J34 to A48 Transport Link

Scheme Objectives	Criteria	Score	Comment
Objectives	Paduca dalays	1.1	Benefits
	Improves journey time reliability for road vehicles and buses	++	• The measure would improve traffic management of the junction and would improve junction traffic capacity with the proposed M4 J34 to A48 Sycamore Cross scheme and a
Transport Objectives	Provides opportunity for public transport interchange (stops/stations and/or Park & Ride)	++	 potential new rail station at J34 (Miskin) in place. Signalisation of A4119 entry allows a two-lane exit from the gyratory lanes
Objectives	Provides benefits for bus services	+	An additional third lane on the gyratory improved traffic management capability at the A4119 and southern entry arms.
	Provides benefits for pedestrians and/or cyclists	+	The construction of a dedicated cycle lane will require construction of a structure over the M4
	Reduces the transport contribution towards poor air quality	+	motorway but would assist in promoting active travel. This should connect to existing infrastructure north of the junction to provide an
Operational	Improves network resilience for highway and public transport	+	entire connection for residents in Talbot Green/Llantrisant.
Effectiveness	Improves overall traffic management capability	++	 Design Considerations A dedicated left-turn lane to the M4 J34 to A48 Sycamore Cross Link could be provided from
	Is potentially feasible within existing highway corridor	-	M4 westbound as an additional traffic capacity measure.
	Is geometrically feasible within existing road space or with limited road		 The layout is compatible with the proposed M4 J34 to A48 Sycamore Cross scheme. Constraints to all options include Miskin
Engineering and Safety Objectives	widening Can be implemented with limited construction impact on traffic conditions		Manor Hotel & Health Club, operational M4, Ely River and Great Western Railway.
	Provides a safe facility for all road users	++	
	Impacts on utilities and roadside facilities/infrastructure	-	
Deliverability	Cost		
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Table 52: M4 J33 - Improved signal control efficiency by signalising A4232 entry to improve platooning on gyratory and signalisation of Services entry

Scheme Objectives	Criteria	Score	Comment
	Paduos dalays		Benefits
	Reduce delays Improves journey time	++	• This would allow a two-lane movement from the M4 (west) to the A4232 towards Cardiff.
	reliability for road vehicles and buses	++	An additional 100m ancillary lane on the eastbound off-slip would enhance stacking space
Transport Objectives	Provides opportunity for public transport interchange (stops/stations and/or Park & Ride)	++	at the junction.A two-lane approach on the A4232 would allow improved platooning onto gyratory
Objectives	Provides benefits for bus services	+	overbridge for right-turn to M4 East Signalisation of services arm is intended to add
	Provides benefits for pedestrians and/or cyclists	0	capacity to serve future P&R traffic flow. Design Considerations
	Reduces the transport contribution towards poor air quality	+	• The existing junction was recently improved to include a dedicated lane for the M4 eastbound diverge to A4232 southbound vehicle movement.
Operational	Improves network resilience for highway and public transport	+	Constraints to all options include high-voltage power cables above the A4232, Cardiff West Services, operational M4 and the newly
Effectiveness	Improves overall traffic management capability	Improves overall traffic constructed M4-A4232 merge auxilia	constructed M4-A4232 merge auxiliary lane.
	Is potentially feasible within existing highway corridor	-	
	Is geometrically feasible within existing road space or with limited road widening	-	
Engineering and Safety Objectives	Can be implemented with limited construction impact on traffic conditions		
	Provides a safe facility for all road users	++	
	Impacts on utilities and roadside facilities/infrastructure	-	
Dellarer 1994	Cost	-	
Deliverability	Buildability	-	

Table 53: Improved lane allocation on eastbound carriageway J34-J33, providing a two-lane exit to A4232 off-slip and two lanes to M4 ahead eastbound

Scheme Objectives	Criteria	Score	Comment
objectives .	Dadwaa dalawa		Benefits
	Improves journey time reliability for road vehicles and buses	++	• Traffic flow data indicates that 'two lanes ahead/two lanes exit' to J33 is appropriate – and will provide a clearer and safer arrangement than the present 'three lanes ahead/one lane exit'
Transport Objectives	Provides opportunity for public transport interchange (stops/stations and/or Park & Ride)	+	arrangement. This layout will reduce weaving movements and effectively allow the nearside (inside) lane to operate as a direct route between J34 and J33.
,	Provides benefits for bus Services Design Considerations		
	Provides benefits for pedestrians and/or cyclists	0	• It is considered that an upgrade from three to four lanes can be achieved within the existing highway boundary on the M4 Westbound – but
	Reduces the transport contribution towards poor air quality	+	only if narrow lanes are used (similar to the cross-section on the M4 Eastbound at this location).
Operational	Improves network resilience for highway and public transport	+	The slip road and narrow lane measures will need to be designed as a single scheme from Junction 33 to J34, in both directions.
Effectiveness	Improves overall traffic management capability	++	
	Is potentially feasible within existing highway corridor	0	
	Is geometrically feasible within existing road space or with limited road widening	0	
Engineering and Safety Objectives	Can be implemented with limited construction impact on traffic conditions		
	Provides a safe facility for all road users	+	
	Impacts on utilities and roadside facilities/infrastructure	-	
D. 1994	Cost		
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Table 54: J33-J34 - Provide additional lane on existing three lanes westbound carriageway

Scheme Objectives	Criteria	Score	Comment
	D 1 11		Benefits
	Reduce delays Improves journey time	++	• 4 lanes on the westbound section between J33 and J34 would provide improved traffic
	reliability for road vehicles and buses	++	management, providing an effective auxiliary lane for motorway traffic travelling from the
_	Provides opportunity for public transport interchange (stops/stations	+	A4232 (J33 southern arm) to the A4119 (J34 northern arm).
Transport Objectives	and/or Park & Ride)		Design Considerations
o sjeeu ves	Provides benefits for bus services	+	It is considered that an upgrade from three lanes to four lanes can be achieved within the existing highway boundary on the M4
	Provides benefits for pedestrians and/or cyclists	0	Westbound – but is likely to require narrow lanes are used (similar to the cross-section on the M4 Eastbound at this location).
	Reduces the transport contribution towards poor air quality	+	The slip road and narrow lane measures will need to be designed as a single scheme from Junction
Operational	Improves network resilience for highway and public transport	+	33 to J34, in both directions.
Effectiveness	Improves overall traffic management capability ++		
	Is potentially feasible within existing highway corridor	-	
	Is geometrically feasible within existing road space or with limited road widening	-	
Engineering and Safety Objectives	Can be implemented with limited construction impact on traffic conditions		
	Provides a safe facility for all road users	0	
	Impacts on utilities and roadside facilities/infrastructure	-	
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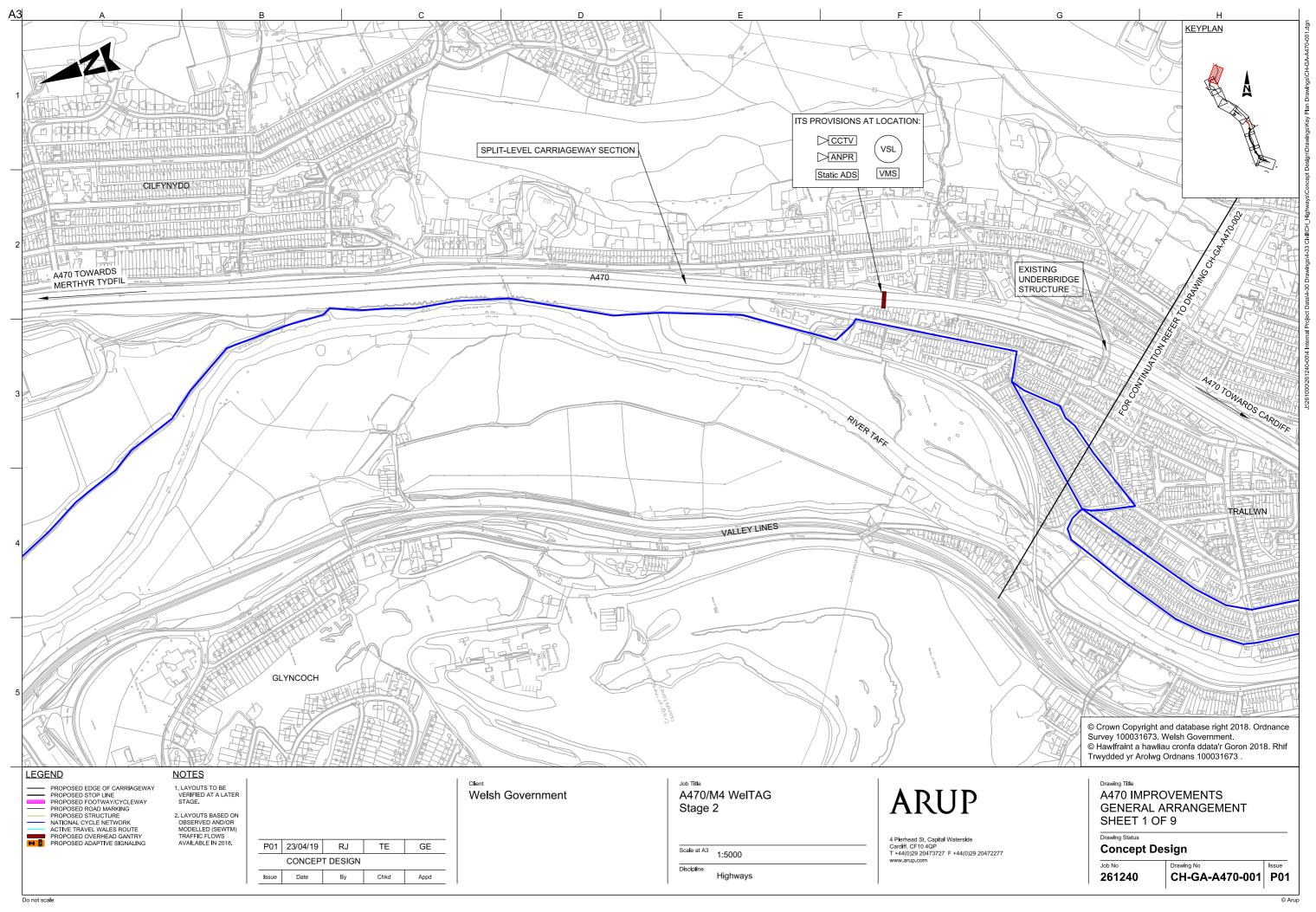
Table 55: VMS gantry signage on M4 (incl. updates to Network Management Plans, utilising ITS and traffic officers to improve everyday operation and network resilience, particularly in the event of incidents or road works)

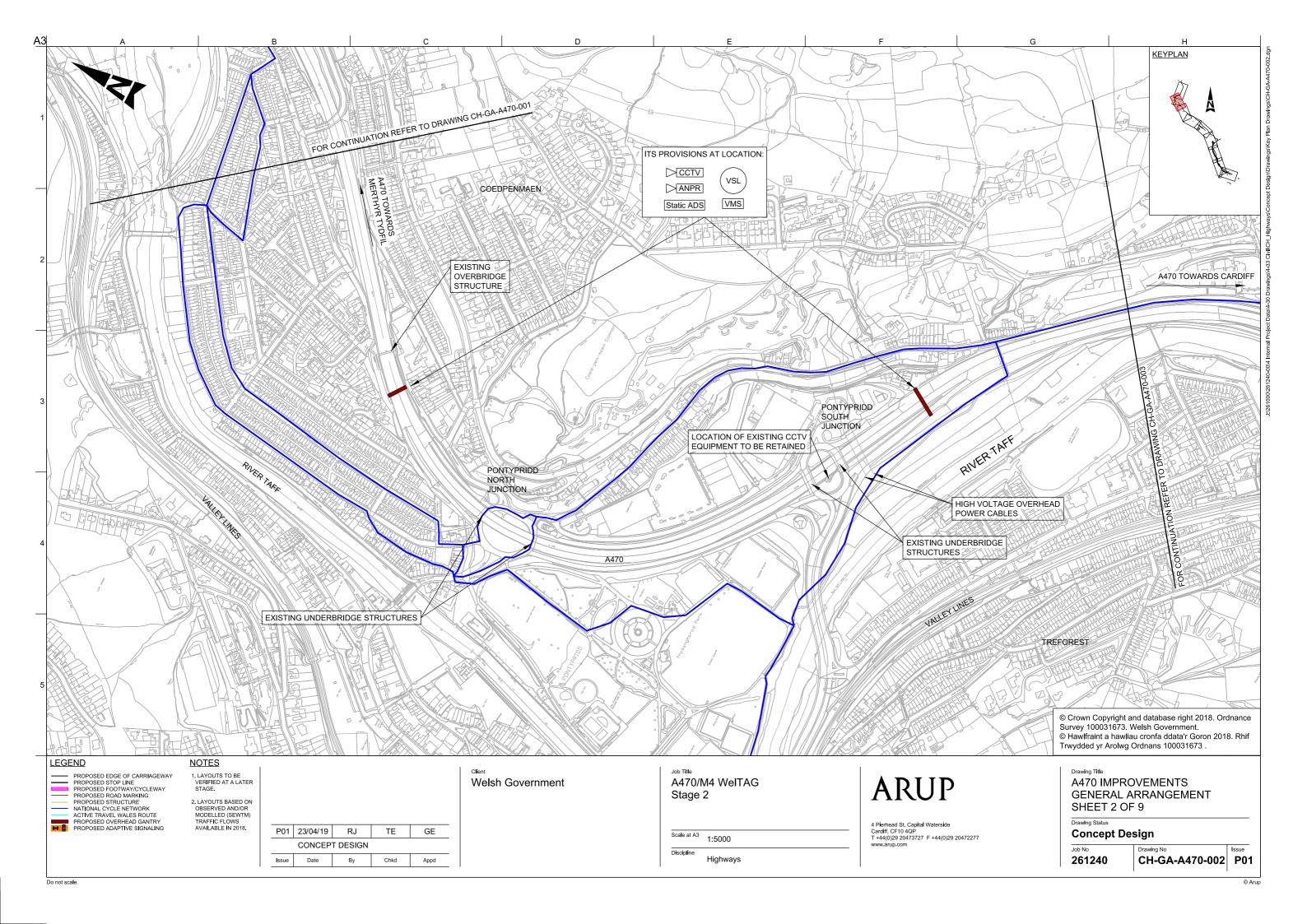
Scheme Objectives	Criteria	Score	Comment
	Reduce delays	+	Benefits
	Improves journey time reliability for road vehicles and buses	++	• Variable message signing provides improved traffic management with resilience and safety benefits. VMS signage can provide capability to vary speed limit according to conditions, and to
Transport Objectives	Provides opportunity for public transport interchange (stops/stations and/or Park & Ride)	+	vary lane allocation for 'ahead' and 'exit' movements depending on traffic conditions, roadworks, accidents etc. • VMS signage will provide greater capability
Objectives	Provides benefits for bus services	+	for managing event traffic (e.g. major sports events in Cardiff) – for arrival (on M4) and
	Provides benefits for pedestrians and/or cyclists	0	departure (on A4232). Design Considerations
	Reduces the transport contribution towards poor air quality	+	VMS gantry signage will need to be designed to be incorporated within SWTRA's ITS management system.
Operational	Improves network resilience for highway and public transport	++	Careful consideration will be needed to the type of gantry – either spanning the whole road corridor (i.e. both carriageways), or use of
Effectiveness	Improves overall traffic management capability	+++	cantilever structures on carriageway only.
	Is potentially feasible within existing highway corridor	++	
	Is geometrically feasible within existing road space or with limited road widening	+++	
Engineering and Safety Objectives	Can be implemented with limited construction impact on traffic conditions	++	
	Provides a safe facility for all road users	++	
	Impacts on utilities and roadside facilities/infrastructure	0	
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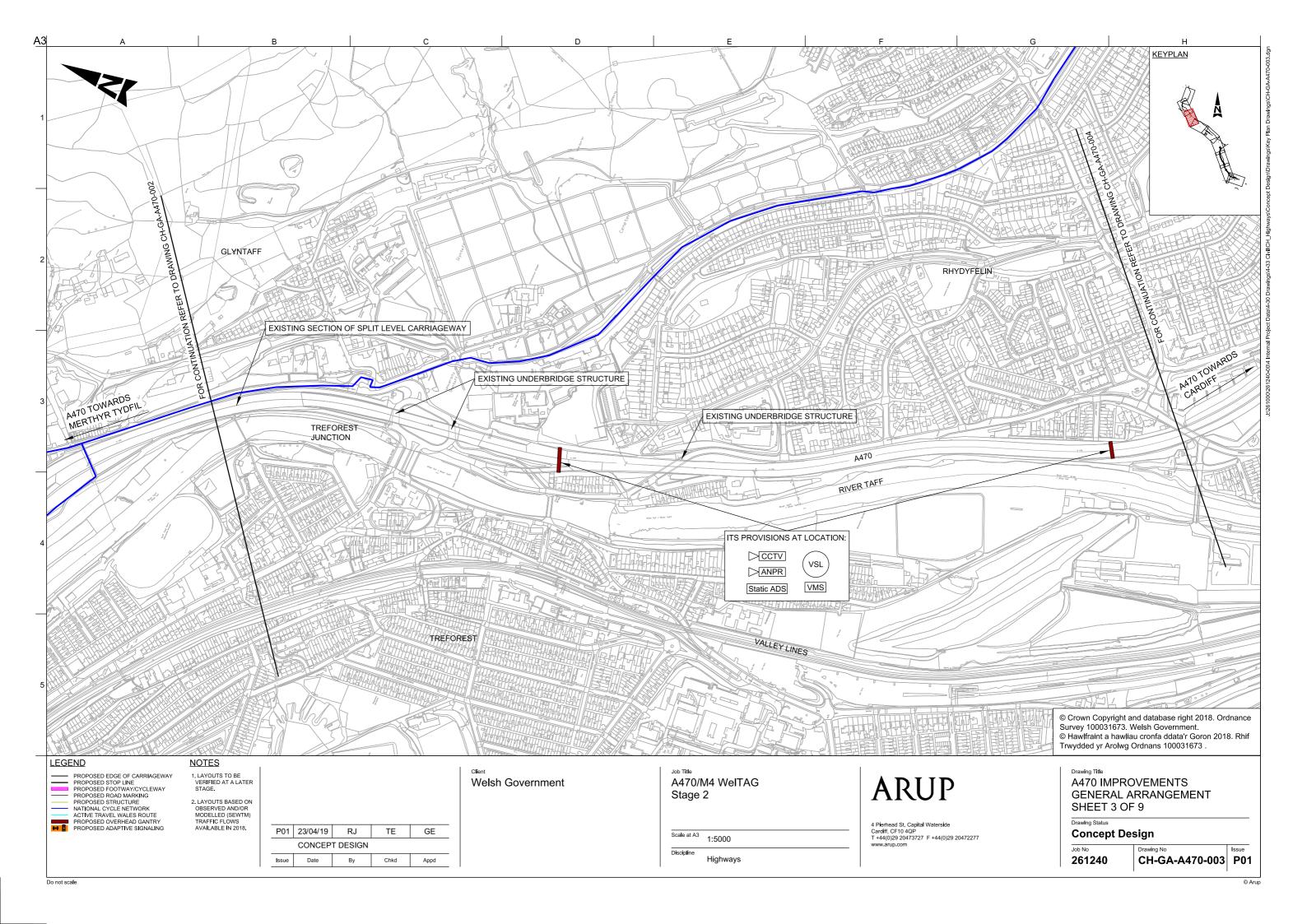
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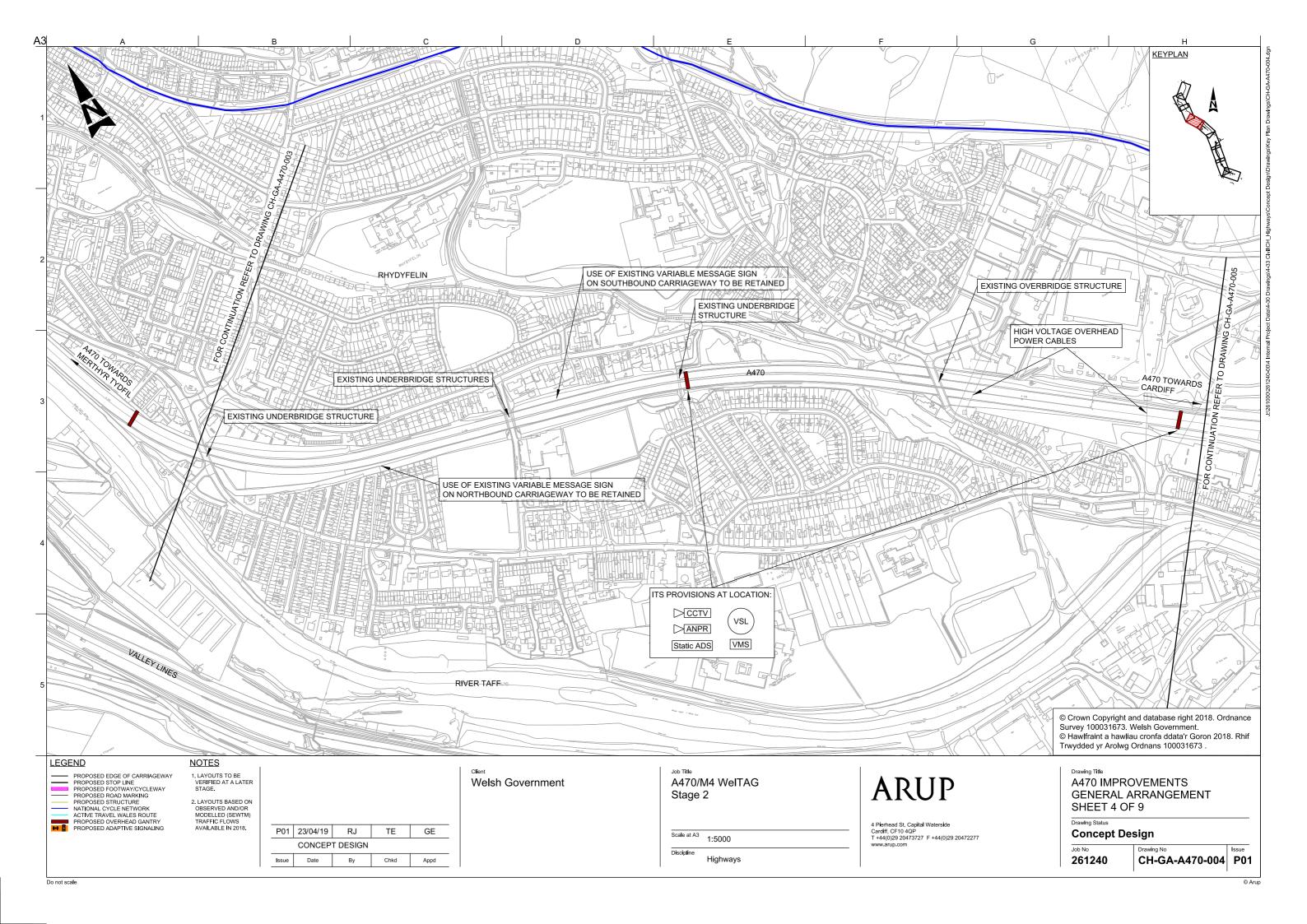
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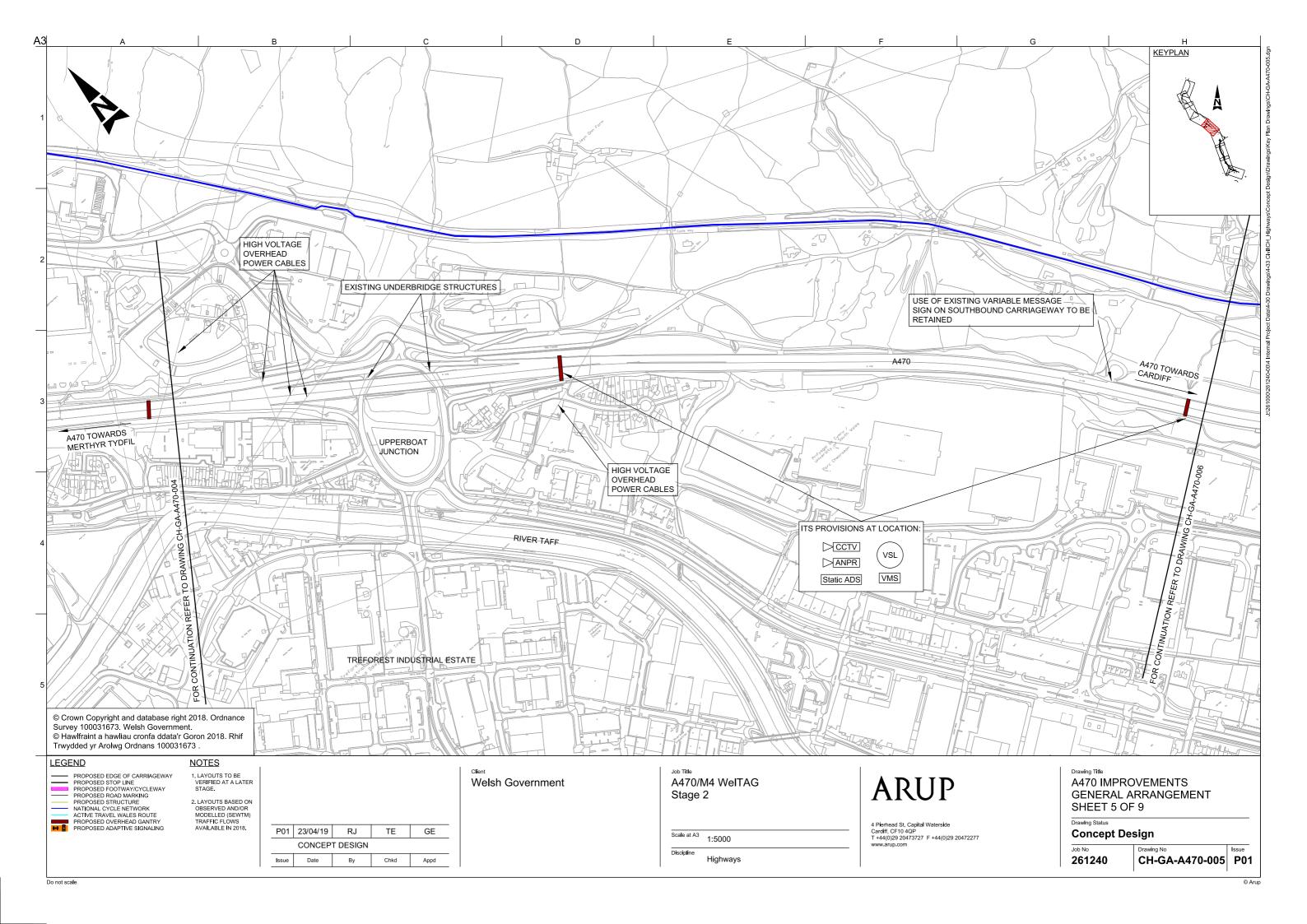
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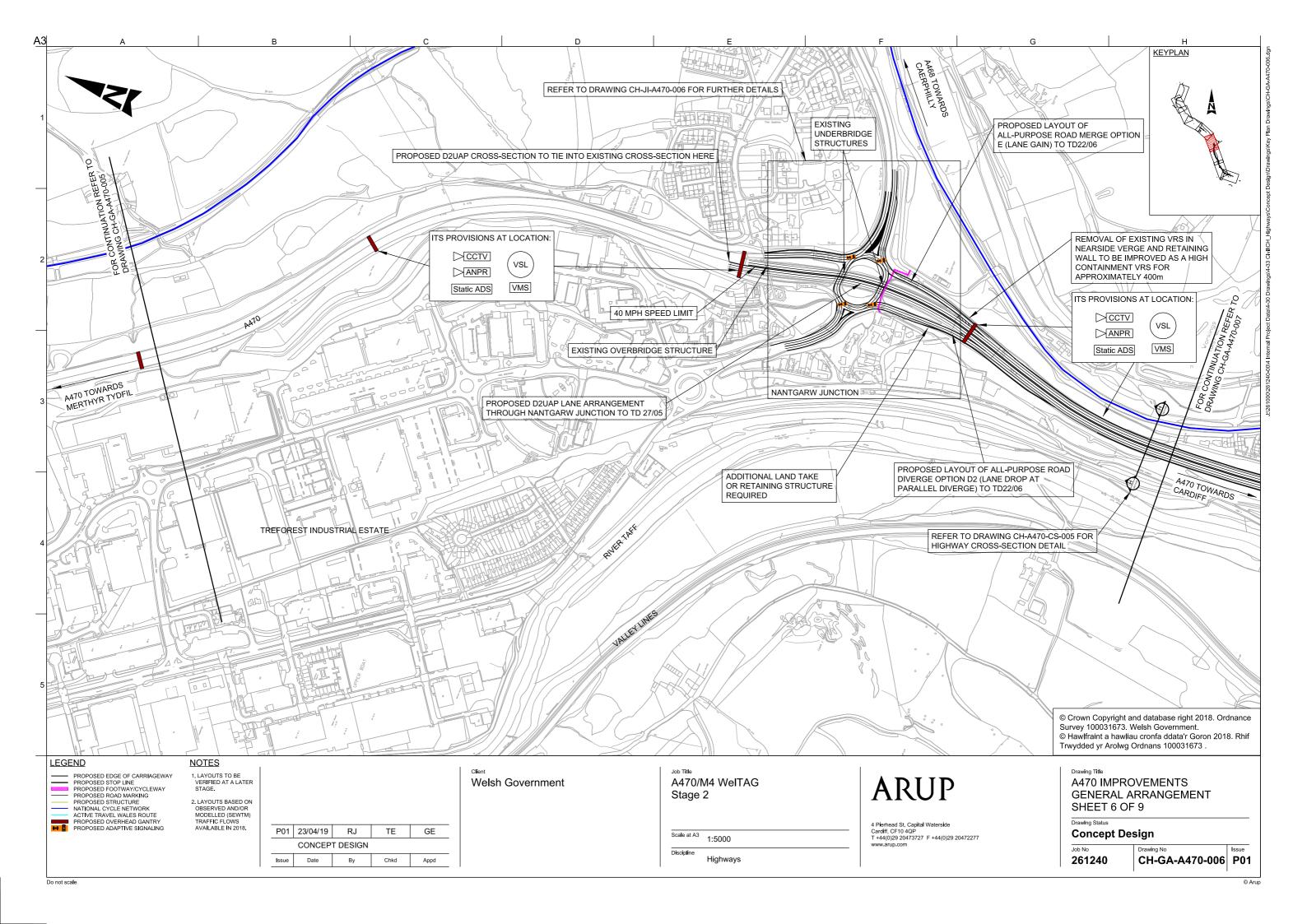


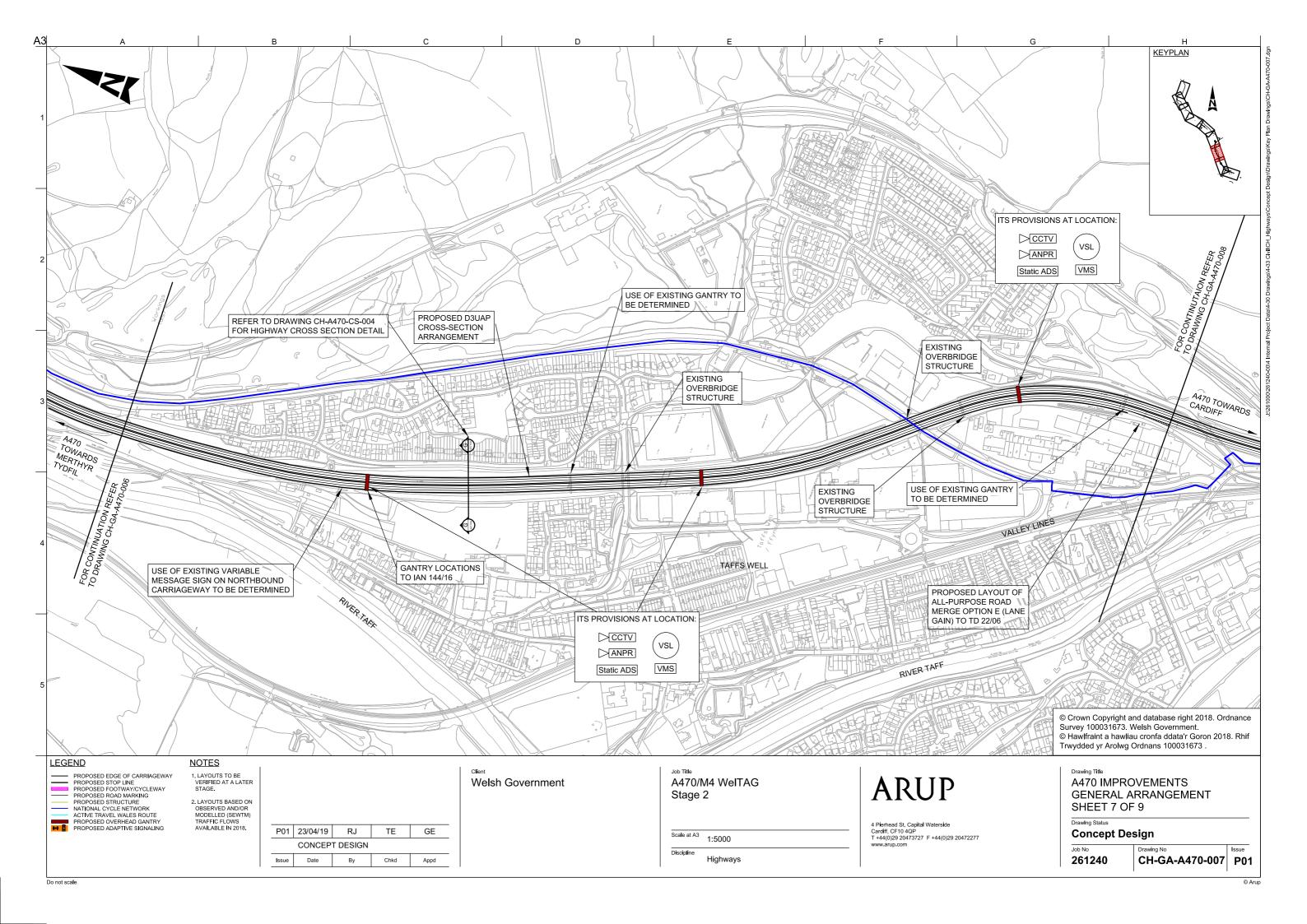


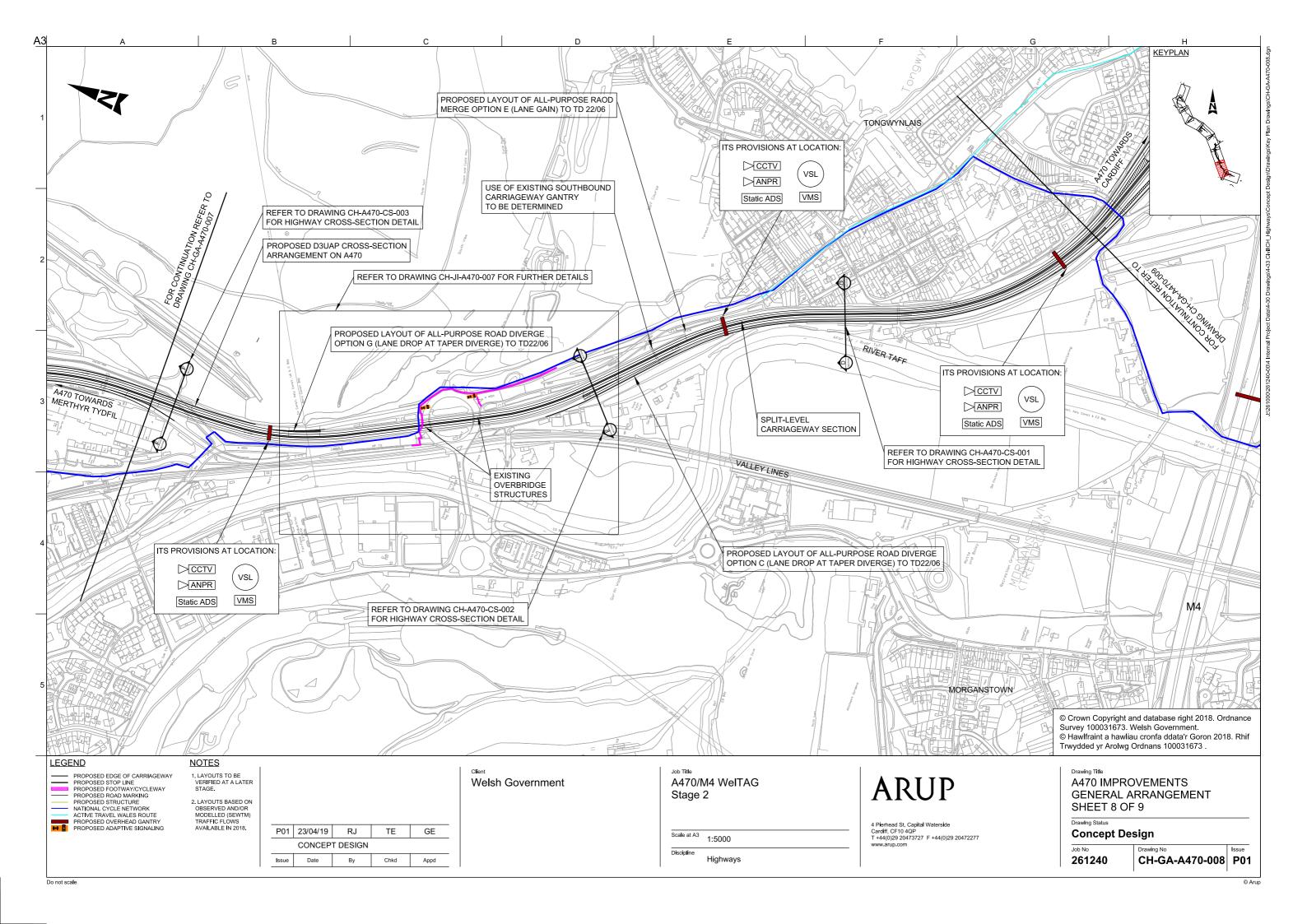


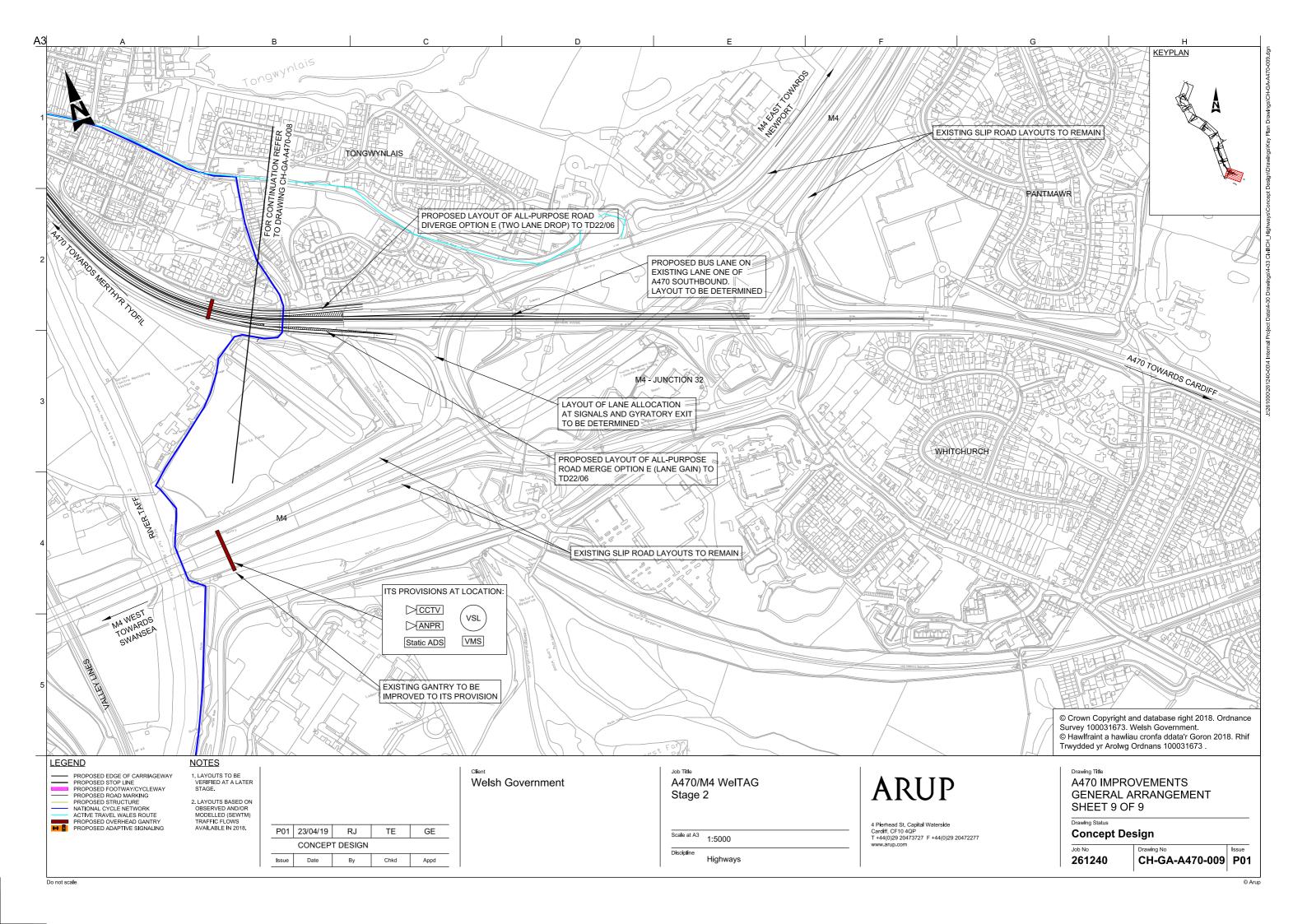






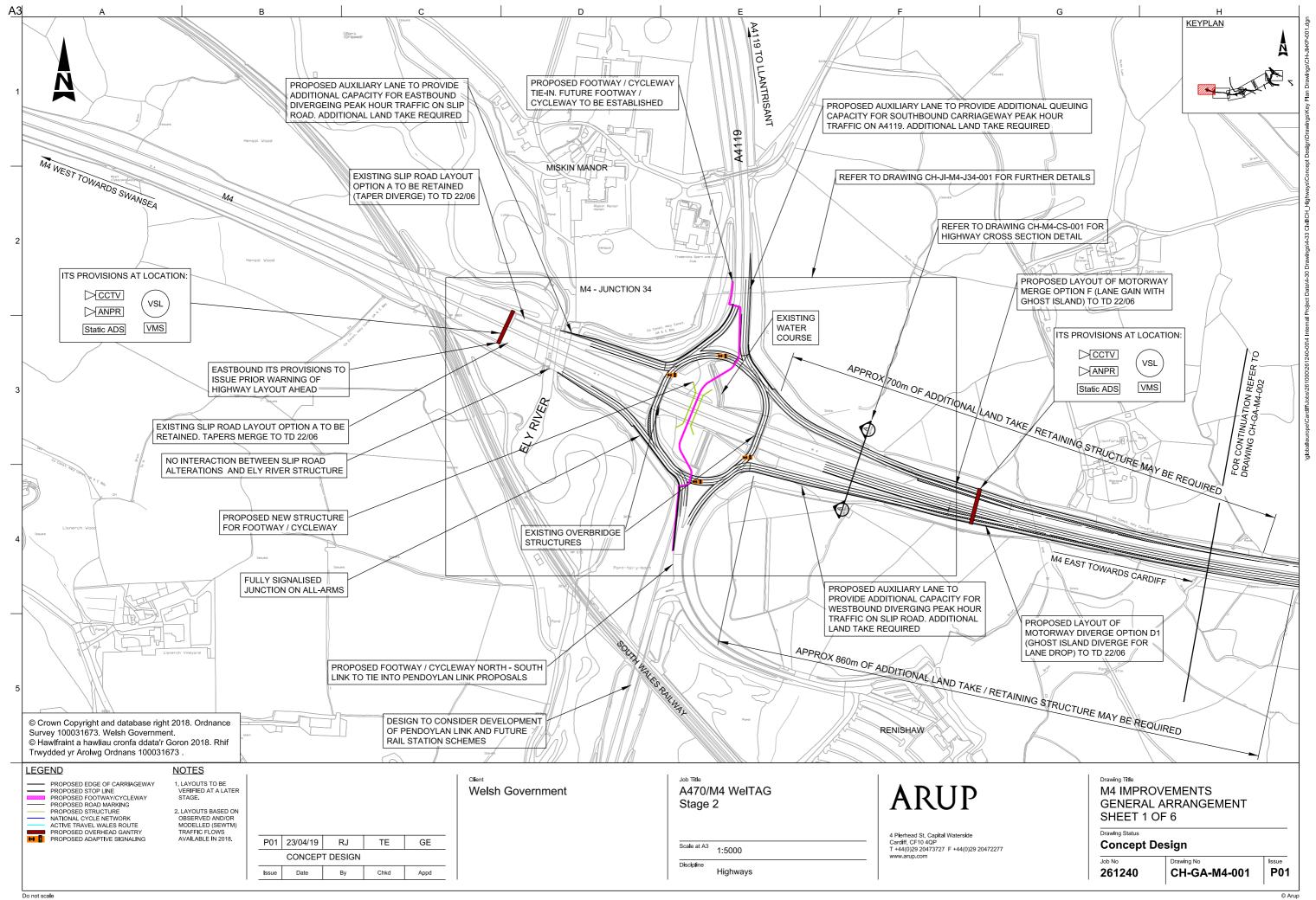


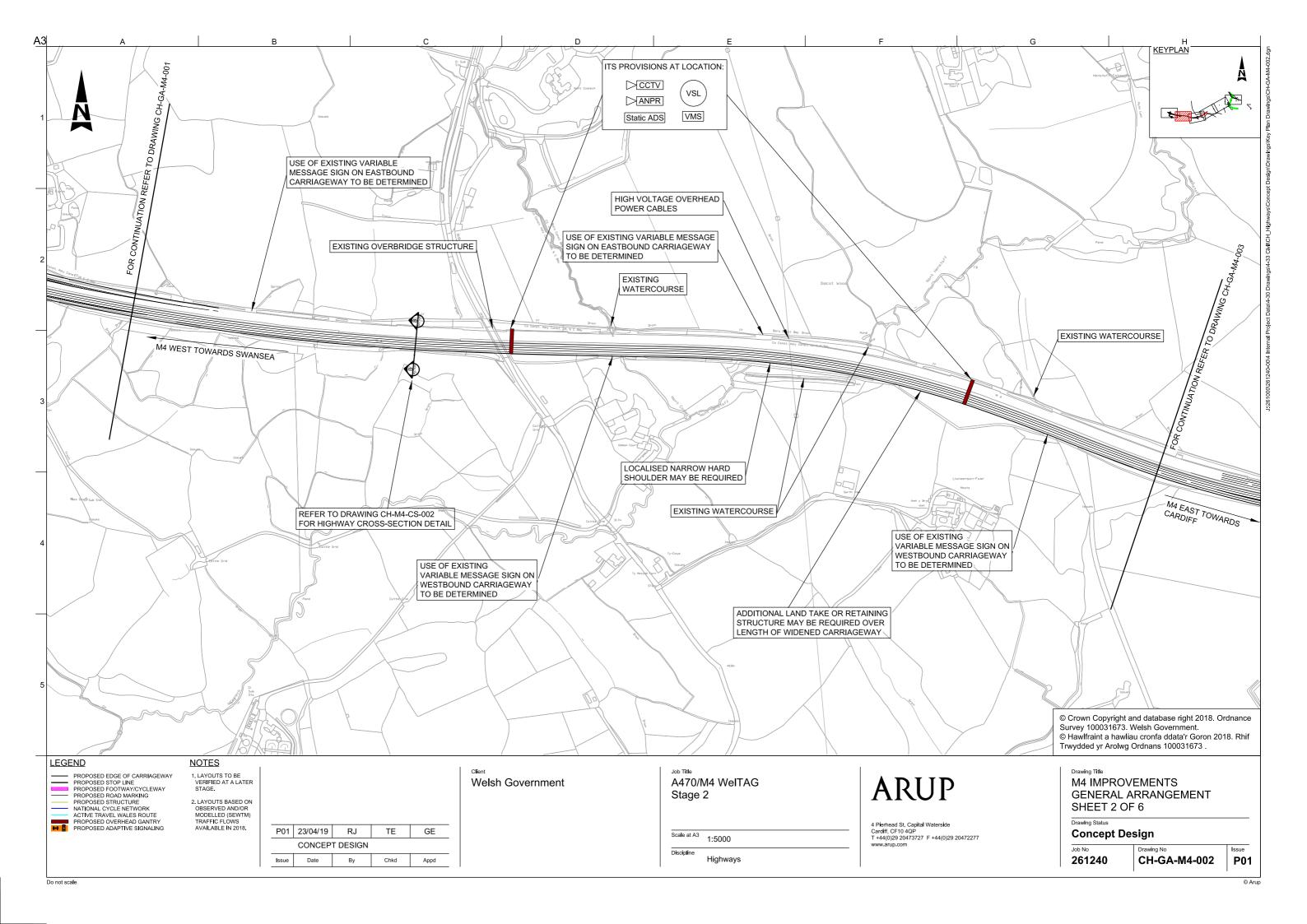


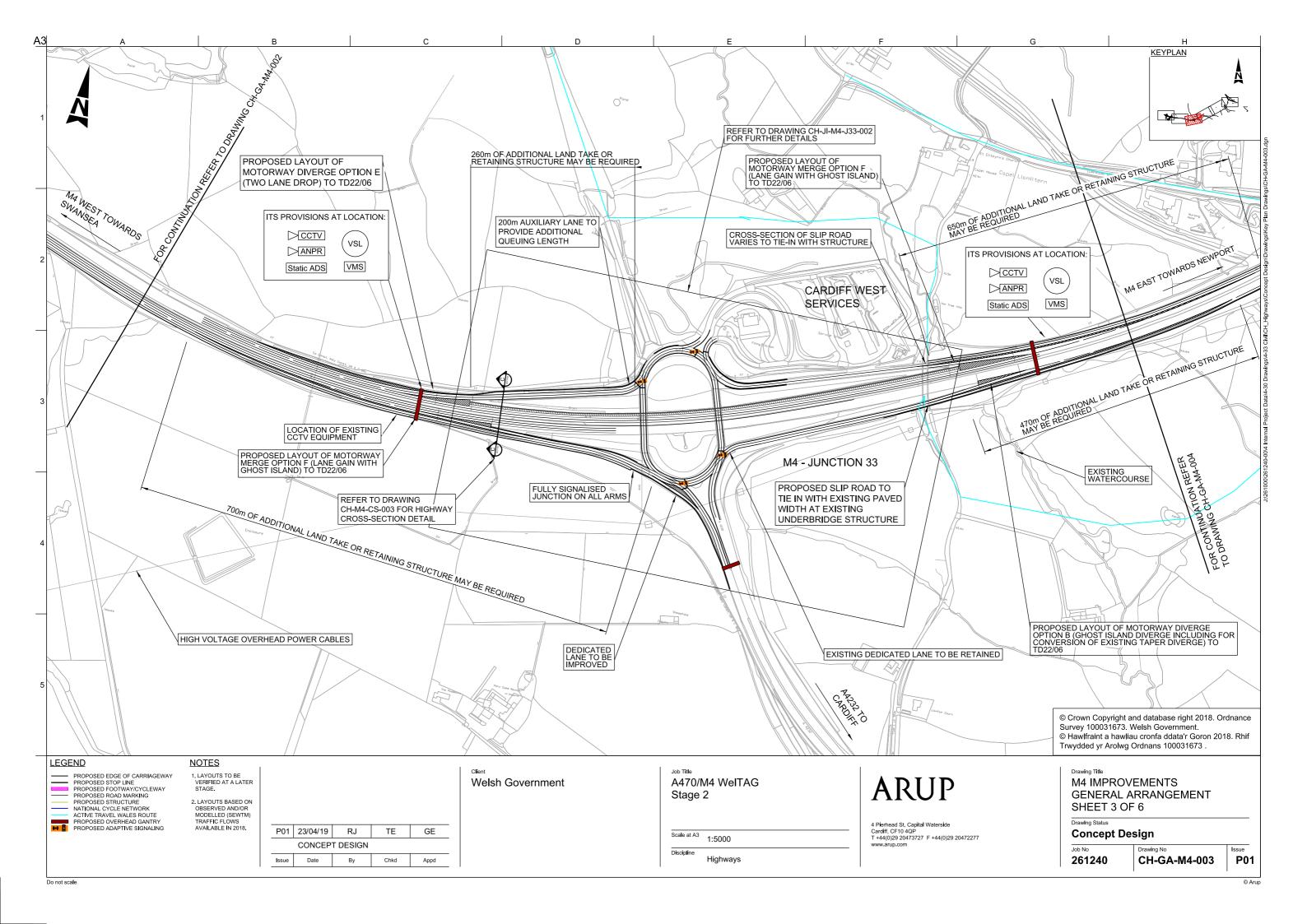


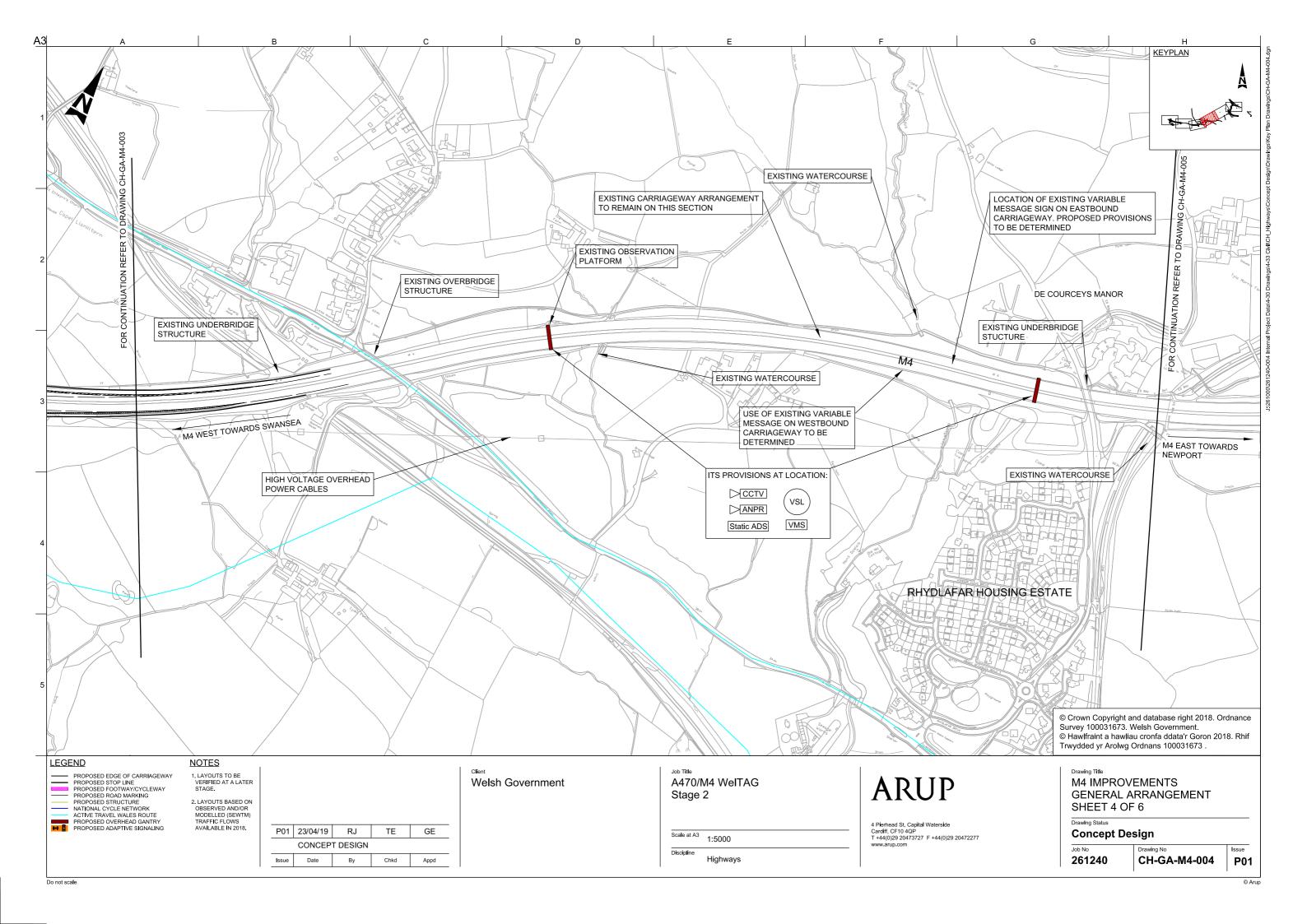
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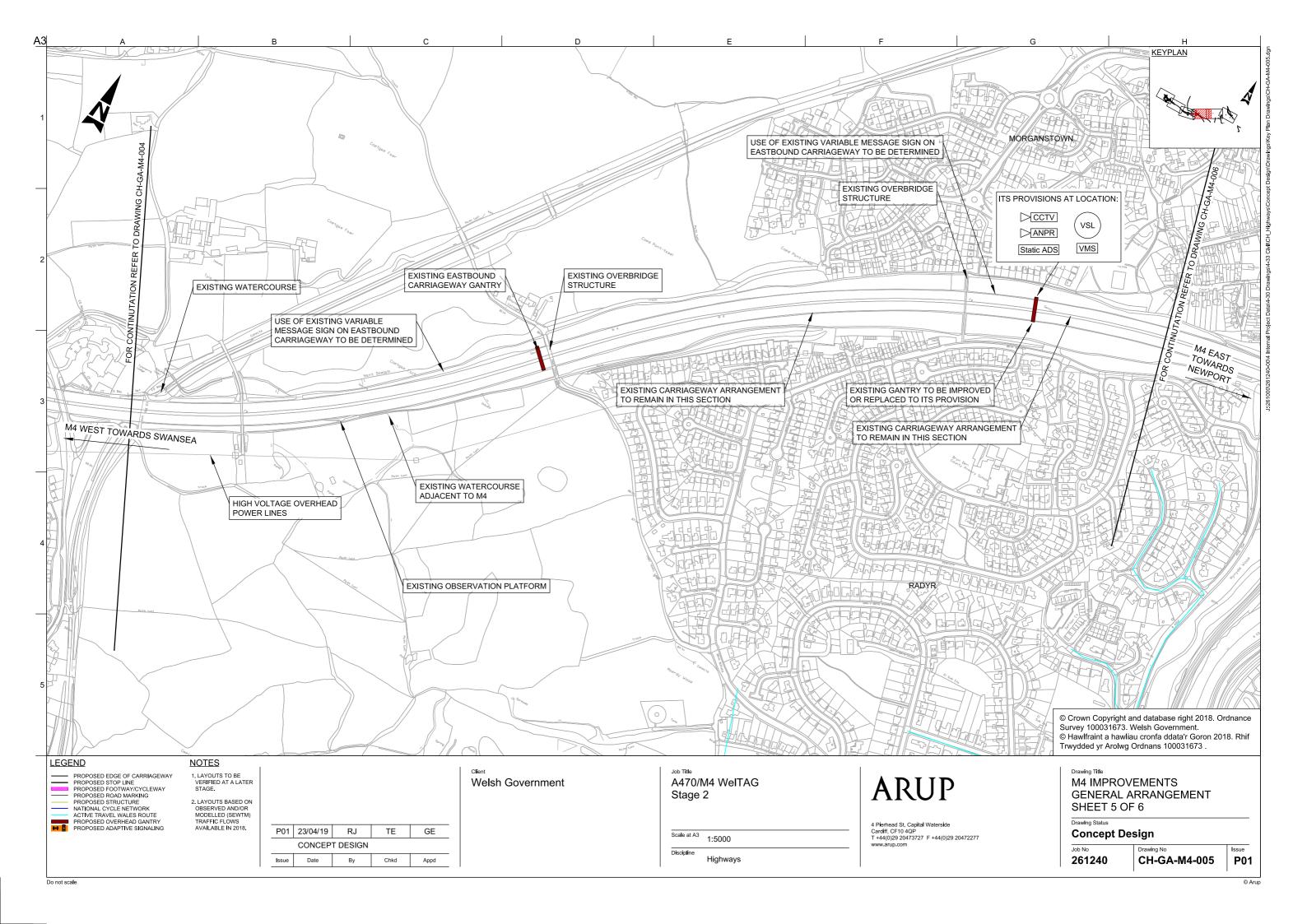
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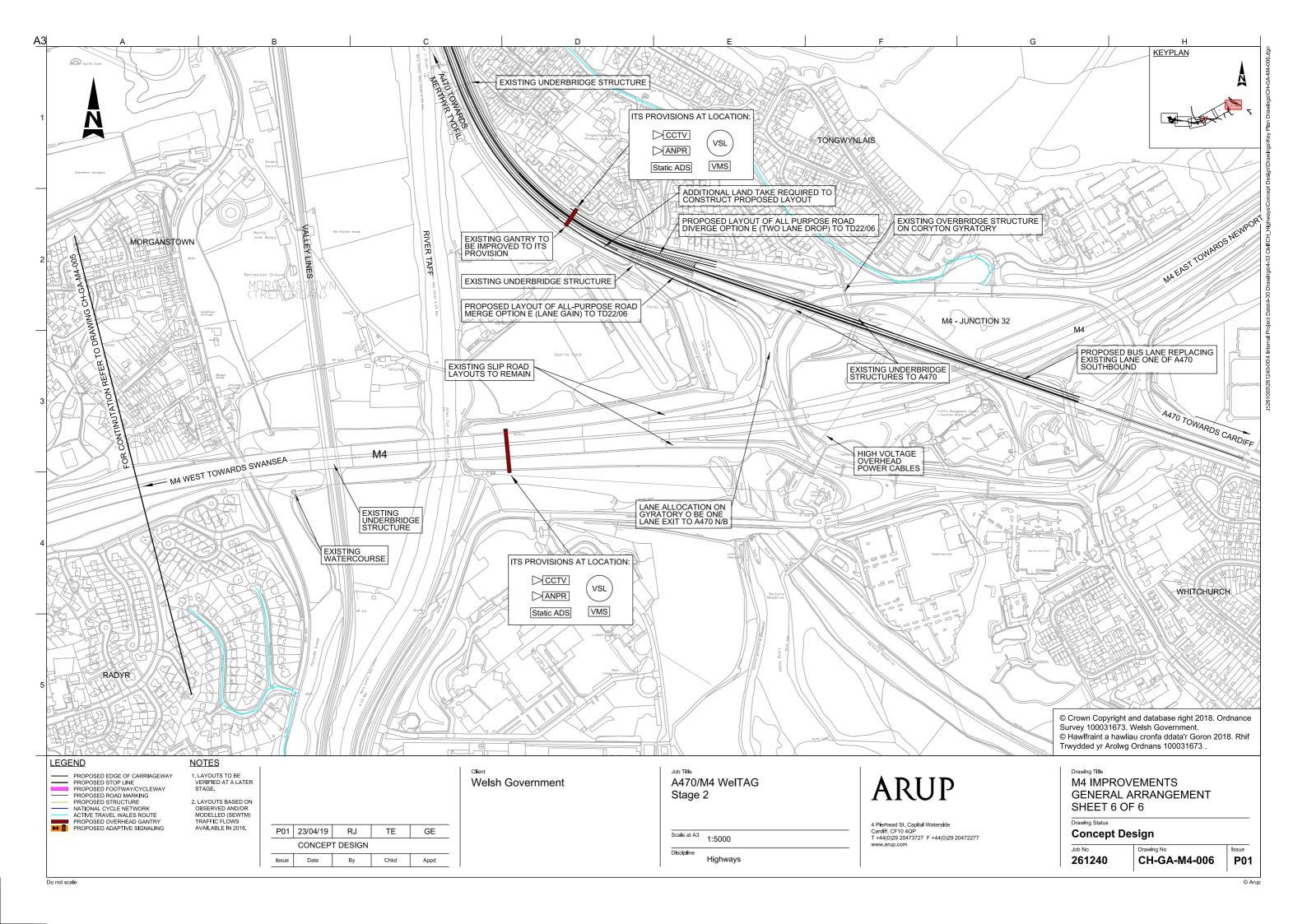






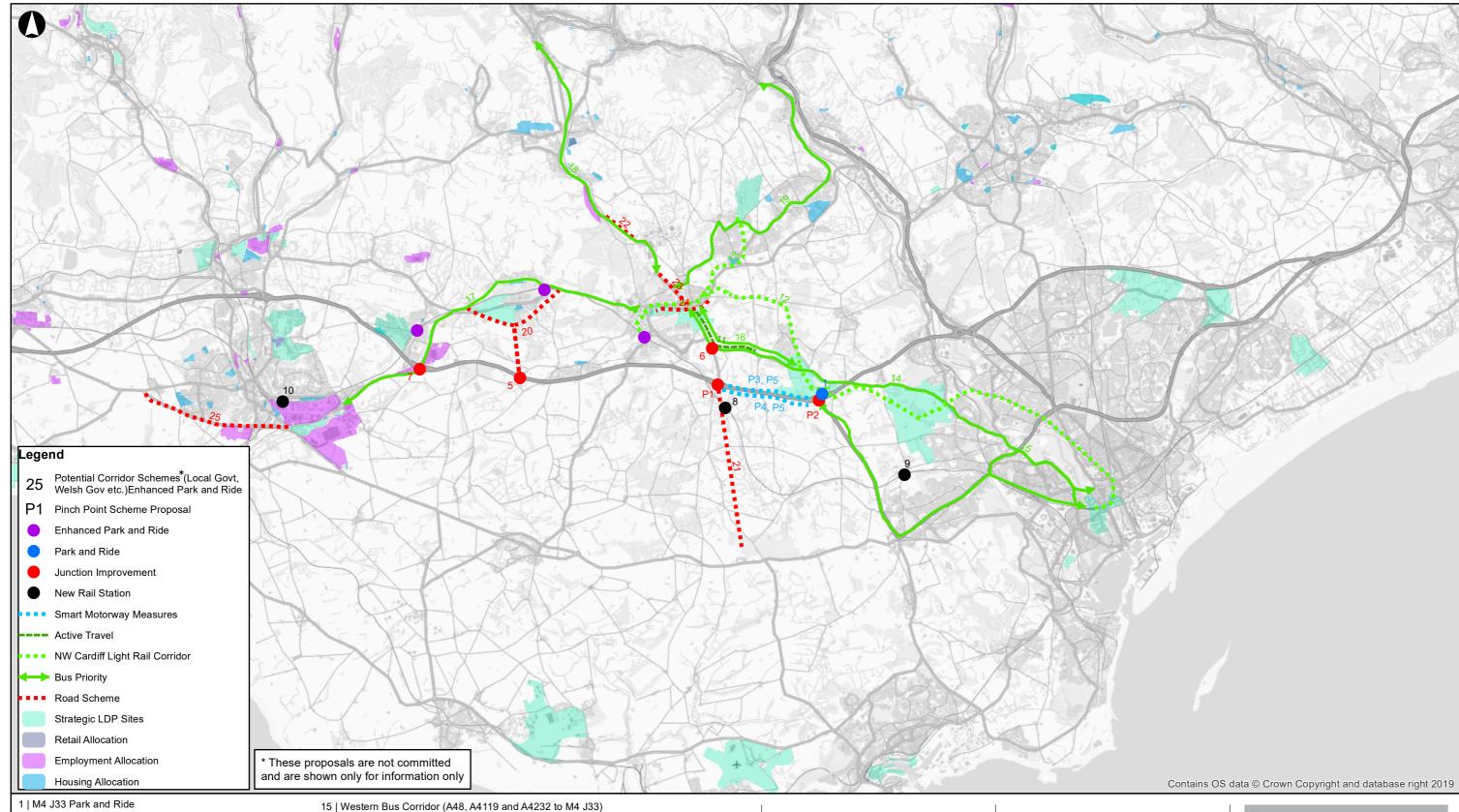






Appendix F

Map of Priority Design Schemes and Other Relevant Transport Proposals in Study Corridor



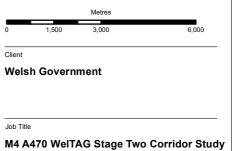
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- 7 | M4 J35 'Make Better Use' Improvements
- 8 New Rail Station Miskin/M4 J34
- 9 | New Rail Station St Fagans
- 10 | New Rail Station Brackla
- 10 | New Rail Sta 11 | Active Travel
- 12 | North West Cardiff Corridor Rapid Transit (Metro
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- 13 | North West Cardiff Corridor Rapid Transit (Metro extension) Pontyclun Beddau
- 14 | Bus Priority Talbot Green/Pontyclun to Cardiff

- 16 | Rapid Bus Link from J33 to A473
- 17 | Bus Priority Bridgend to Llantrisant / Talbot Green
- 18 | Bus Priority Tonypandy to Llantrisant / Talbot Green
- 18 | Bus Priority Tonypandy to Liantrisant / Taibot Green
 19 | Cross-Valley Bus Rapid Transit Extension Pontypridd to Llantrisant
- 20 | A473 Llanharan Traffic Relief
- 21 Junction 34 to A48/Cardiff Airport
- 22 | A4119 Coed Ely Improvements
- 23 | A4119 Corridor Junction Capacity Improvements 'Make Better Use'
- 24 | A473 Talbot Green improvements
- 25 | A48/A473 Bridgend Corridor Improvements
- P1 | M4 J34 Signalisation and gyratory widening
- P2 | M4 J33 Improved signal control by signalising A4232 and Services entries P3 | J34-J33 Improved lane allocation on EB carriageway, 2 lanes off/2 lanes ahead
- P3 | J34-J33 Improved lane allocation on EB carriageway, 2 lanes on 2 lanes an P4 | J33-J34 Provide additional lane on existing 3 lane WB carriageway
- P5 | VMS/ITS Improvements

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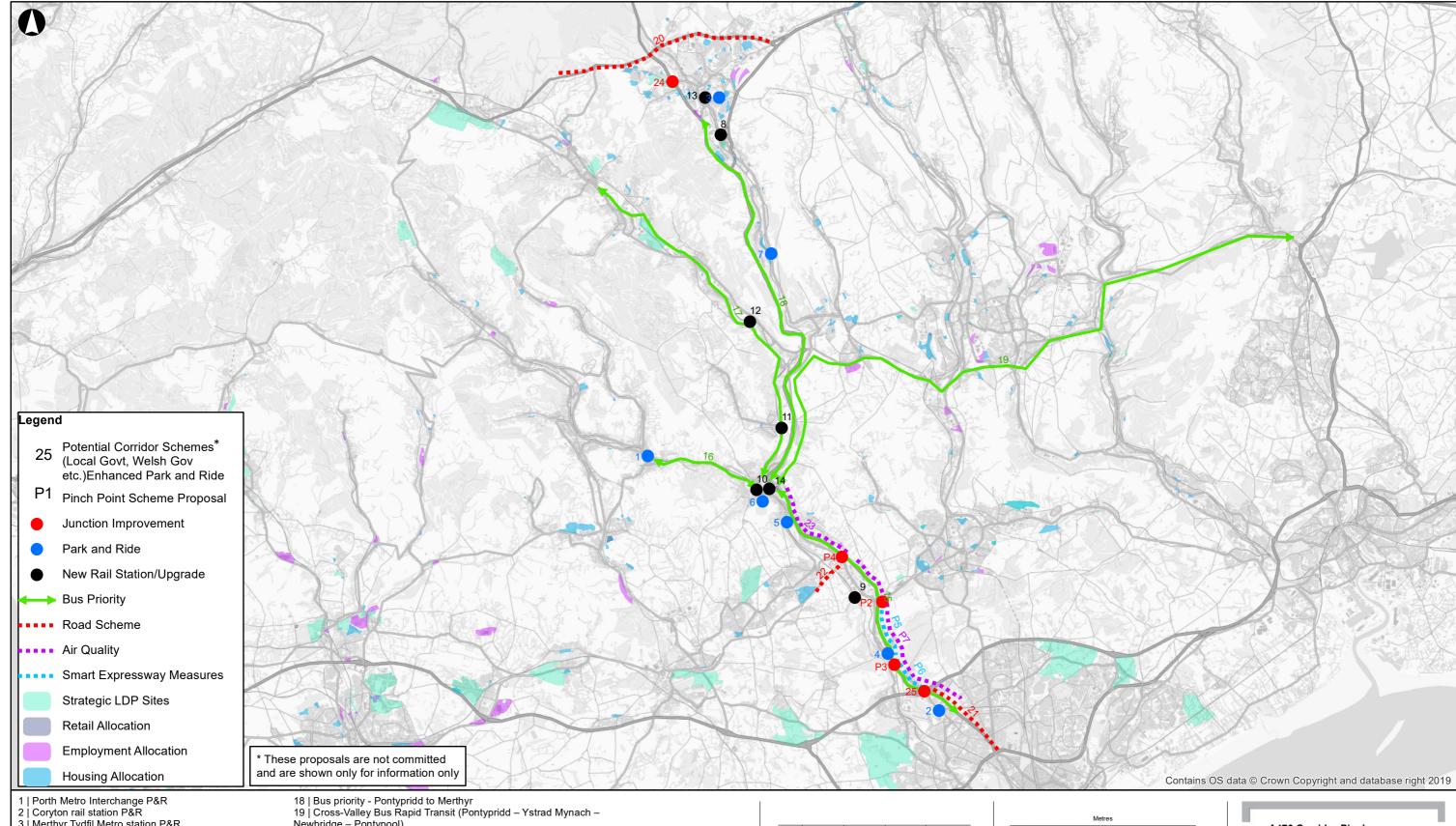
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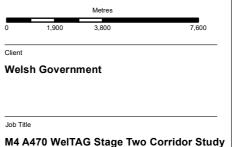
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- 8 | New Metro Station Merthyr (Hoover)
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- 11 | New Metro station Glyngoch
- 12 | New Metro station Ynysboeth
- 13 | Merthyr bus/rail interchange (new Metro station)
- 14 | Pontypridd Metro station upgrade
- 15 | Bus priority Cardiff to Pontypridd
- 16 | Bus priority Pontypridd to Porth 17 | Bus Priority - Pontypridd to Aberdare

- Newbridge Pontypool)
- 20 | A465 Heads of the Valleys Improvements
- 21 | A470 Cardiff Gabalfa Coryton 'Make Better Use' improvements
- 22 | A473 Trefforest Industrial Estate new east-west road link
- 23 | Reduced Speed Limit (Upper Boat to Pontypridd) Air Quality
- 24 | A470 Swansea Road (Trago Mills) roundabout traffic management
- 25 | Major traffic management and control measures Coryton Interchange
- P1 | VMS/ITS Improvements
- P2 | Nantgarw Interchange Signalisation, widening of gyratory/on approach
 P3 | Taffs Well Interchange Signalisation of SB off-slip and cycle improvements
- P4 | Upper Boat Interchange Revised traffic management to address queues
- P5 | Taffs Well to Nantgarw 3 narrow lanes on 2-lane sections NB and SB
- P6 | Coryton to Taffs Well Reallocation of 3 SB lanes and narrow lanes NB north of Coryton
- P7 | Pontypridd to Coryton Reduced speed limit to address air qualiy

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