

27 March 2026

Dear

### **Request for Information - ATISN 26793**

Further to your request for information of 11 March. You asked for information about the 50mph speed limit on the M48 between the M4 Junction 23a Magor interchange with the M48 and Junction 2 Chepstow. Specifically, you wanted to know:

1. The date the 50 mph restriction was first implemented and the reason for its introduction.
2. Copies of any engineering assessments, inspection reports, or safety assessments relating to the condition of the road restraint system (central reservation barrier) or other infrastructure issues that led to the restriction.
3. Any current plans or timelines for repair or replacement of the road restraint system or other infrastructure associated with the restriction.
4. The total cost incurred to date relating to the implementation and maintenance of the restriction, including the installation or rental of temporary speed limit signage.

### **Our response**

The Welsh Government holds the information you have requested.

1. The information for this can be found on the Welsh Government website. [The M48 motorway \(junction 23 \(Rogiet\) to junction 2 \(Newhouse interchange\), Monmouthshire\) \(temporary 50 mph Speed Limit\) Order 2023 | GOV.WALES](#), [The M48 Motorway \(Junction 23 \(Rogiet\) to Junction 2 \(Newhouse Interchange\), Monmouthshire\) \(Temporary 50 mph Speed Limit\) Order 2025 | GOV.WALES](#)
2. This information is already available in the public domain [FOI release 20361: Safety barriers | GOV.WALES](#) - Doc 1 is the relevant report.
3. Phase 1 (starting from the west) is expected to start in early May 2026, subject to agreement, award and coordination with National Highways (their works at Junction 2 associated with the weight limit), with subsequent phases following subject to completion of design and decisions on funding, prioritisation and programme.
4. The approximate cost is around £20,000. We cannot provide an exact figure as the costs also form part of the signage for the A40 scheme near Raglan.

### **Next Steps**

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response.

Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit,  
Welsh Government,  
Cathays Park,  
Cardiff,  
CF10 3NQ

or Email: [Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales](mailto:Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales).

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above. You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The contact details for the Information Commissioner's Office are:

Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

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Website: [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely