

22 October 2026

Dear

Request for Information - ATISN 27571

Further to your request for information of 25 September where you asked for:

1. Freight Stacking & Junction 2 Logs: The total number of times since January 2025 that vehicles over 7.5 tonnes bound for, or departing from, the Port of Holyhead have been officially ordered to halt journey, return to depot, or stack at Junction 2 (Park Cybi) due to restrictions or emergency safety checks on the Menai Strait crossings.
2. High Wind Incident Protocols: Operational logs for all instances during the 2025 and 2026 tourism seasons (May–September) where wind speeds triggered a 30mph limit or high-sided vehicle ban on the Britannia Bridge, including the recorded duration of the resulting freight delays along the A55.
3. Port Authority Communications: Copies of all formal alerts, impact alerts, or correspondence exchanged between Traffic Wales/Welsh Government and the Holyhead Port Authority (including Stena Line and Irish Ferries) concerning ferry sailing delays or missed departures directly caused by bridge-related gridlock on the mainland or Anglesey approaches.

Our response

The Welsh Government holds some of the information you have requested.

1. There are no instances since January 2025 where vehicles over 7.5 tonnes bound for, or departing from Holyhead Port have been officially told to halt their journey, return to their depot or stack at Junction 2 Park Cybi due to emergency safety checks or restrictions on either of the Bridges crossing the Menai Straits.
2. When the wind speed triggered a 30mph limit on the Britannia Bridge between May to September 2025 and again between the same months in 2026 Traffic Wales posted messages on their social media profiles. Below is a list of dates when they were posted. There were no freight delays recorded.

2025	2026
24-May-25	12-May-26
25-May-25	13-May-26
28-May-25	19-May-26
29-May-25	27-May-26
02-Jun-25	28-May-26
04-Jun-25	31-May-26

13-Jun-25	03-Jun-26
21-Jun-25	06-Jun-26
22-Jun-25	09-Jun-26
26-Jun-25	16-Jun-26
04-Jul-25	18-Jun-26
14-Jul-25	26-Jun-26
03-Aug-25	27-Jun-26
06-Aug-25	01-Jul-26
08-Aug-25	03-Jul-26
26-Aug-25	04-Jul-26
27-Aug-25	12-Jul-26
30-Aug-25	28-Jul-26
31-Aug-25	04-Aug-26
10-Sep-25	01-Sep-26
11-Sep-25	03-Sep-26
12-Sep-25	10-Sep-26
14-Sep-25	11-Sep-26
16-Sep-25	14-Sep-26
17-Sep-25	16-Sep-26
18-Sep-25	17-Sep-26
	18-Sep-26
	27-Sep-26

3. The Welsh Government holds no correspondence from Holyhead Port Authority nor the shipping lines concerning ferry service delays or cancellations due to traffic issues caused by the Menai bridge crossings or approaches

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:

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

Yours sincerely