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Dear

Request for information - ATISN 27619

Thank you for your request for information regarding M4 Junctions 25, 26 and 27 which I received on 7 October 2026.

Your Request

You requested information relating to any proposed closure, partial closure, restriction or trial affecting M4 Junctions 25 (Caerleon), 26 (Malpas) and 27 (High Cross), Newport, including measures referred to in the Welsh Government announcement of 6 October 2026.

Our response

The information you have requested is environmental information for the purposes of regulation 2(1) of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR) and has therefore been considered under those Regulations.

Before responding to the individual elements of your request, it may be helpful to explain that the review which informed the Welsh Government's announcement of 6 October 2026 is publicly available at:

[M4 around Newport Review](#)

It is important to note that the announcement made on 6 October 2026 did not approve the closure, partial closure or restriction of Junctions 25, 26 or 27. Rather, the announcement set out further work, including the development of a Five-Year Delivery Plan and an 18-month study to consider longer-term interventions to improve conditions on the M4 around Newport.

Accordingly, no decision has been taken to close, partially close or restrict Junctions 25, 26 or 27.

The review did not involve the development of new transport modelling. It drew upon existing evidence and identified a range of potential interventions requiring further consideration and assessment.

Questions 1 to 8

Questions 1 to 8 seek traffic modelling, analysis and assessments relating to the closure, partial closure or restriction of Junctions 25, 26 and 27, including impacts on traffic movements, journey times, air quality, noise, carbon emissions, road safety, public transport, emergency services and economic activity.

Response

The Welsh Government does not hold modelling, analysis or assessments undertaken specifically in relation to any proposed closure, partial closure, restriction or trial of Junctions 25, 26 or 27 arising from the announcement of 6 October 2026.

As set out above, no decision has been taken to implement such measures and no such proposals have been developed.

The report published on 6 October 2026 did not involve the development of new transport modelling. It drew upon existing evidence and identified a range of potential interventions requiring further consideration and assessment.

For background, the review drew upon previously published information available at:

[M4 Corridor Enhancement Measures Programme \(M4CEM\) Appraisal Handbook](#)

[M4 Corridor around Newport Public Local Inquiry evidence](#)

[Objectors' Suggested Alternatives Report](#)

To the extent that information relevant to Questions 1 to 8 is contained within these published documents, it is already publicly available and reasonably accessible. Accordingly, regulation 6(1)(b) of the EIR applies.

Question 9

Any documents setting out proposals to implement closure or restriction of Junctions 25, 26 or 27 on a temporary, experimental or trial basis, including proposed implementation dates, duration and timescales.

Response

The Welsh Government does not hold information falling within the scope of this request.

No decision has been taken to implement a temporary, experimental, trial or permanent closure or restriction of Junctions 25, 26 or 27. Consequently, the Welsh Government does not hold implementation plans, implementation dates, durations or delivery timescales for such measures.

Question 10

Any proposed monitoring, success or failure criteria for a temporary, experimental or trial closure or restriction, including thresholds or circumstances under which a junction would be reopened or a restriction reversed.

The Welsh Government does not hold information falling within the scope of this request.

No decision has been taken to implement a temporary, experimental, trial or permanent closure or restriction of Junctions 25, 26 or 27. Consequently, the Welsh

Government does not hold monitoring frameworks, success criteria, failure criteria, reopening criteria, performance thresholds or similar arrangements relating to such measures.

Question 11

Any evidence, analysis, reports or briefing papers relied upon by Welsh Government in deciding to include potential closures or restrictions of M4 Junctions 25, 26 and 27 within the five-year programme announced on 6 October 2026.

Response

The Welsh Government does not hold information evidencing a decision to include closures or restrictions of Junctions 25, 26 or 27 within a programme for delivery because no such decision has been taken.

The announcement of 6 October 2026 set out further work to develop a Five-Year Delivery Plan and undertake an 18-month study of longer-term interventions. It did not approve the closure, partial closure or restriction of Junctions 25, 26 or 27.

The Welsh Government does, however, hold information that informed the broader M4 around Newport Review, which identified a range of potential interventions requiring further consideration and assessment. Relevant published information is available at:

[M4 around Newport Review](#)

[M4 Corridor Enhancement Measures Programme \(M4CEM\) Appraisal Handbook](#)

[M4 Corridor around Newport Public Local Inquiry evidence](#)

[Objectors' Suggested Alternatives Report](#)

To the extent that this information falls within the scope of your request, it is already publicly available and reasonably accessible. Accordingly, regulation 6(1)(b) of the EIR applies.

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
CF10 3NQ

or Email: Freedomofinformation@gov.wales Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office,
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire,
SK9 5AF

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

Personal information

The request you sent me contains personal information about you - for example, your name and email address. The Welsh Government will be the data processor for this information and, in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation, it will be processed in order to fulfil our public task and meet our legal obligations under the Act to provide you with a response. We will only use this personal information to deal with your request and any matters which arise as a result of it. We will keep your personal information and all other information relating to your request for three years from the date on which your request is finally closed. Your personal information will then be disposed of securely.

Under data protection legislation, you have the right:

- to be informed of the personal data we hold about you and to access it
- to require us to rectify inaccuracies in that data
- to (in certain circumstances) object to or restrict processing
- for (in certain circumstances) your data to be 'erased'
- to (in certain circumstances) data portability
- to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) who is our independent regulator for data protection

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Data Protection Officer
Welsh Government
Cathays Park
CARDIFF
CF10 3NQ
Email: DataProtectionOfficer@gov.wales

The contact details for the Information Commissioner's Office are:

Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Website: www.ico.org.uk

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Yours sincerely