

**M4 Corridor Enhancement  
Measures Magor to Castleton  
Easing the Flow**



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# Easing the flow

We need *your* help to shape a strategy to reduce traffic congestion on the M4, Magor to Castleton

## What's the problem?

**N**early all of us use them: motor vehicles are the predominant travel mode in Wales, as in the UK as a whole. And growing congestion is one of the most serious transport problems we face, as it can reduce efficiency and productivity, which in turn makes us less competitive. It also causes access problems and local pollution.

The Welsh Government is committed to improving access (e.g. to schools, hospitals, workplaces, leisure facilities) and to developing safe, affordable and sustainable transport for all, including those who walk, cycle and use public transport – and to improve road and rail networks.

A key priority is to improve east-west transport – connecting us all to opportunities across Wales and beyond. Easing the flow on the M4 between Magor and Castleton and addressing some related problems affecting the wider highways network in this corridor area is a key element of this.

## How you can help

**W**e need to know what **problems** you experience, understand what your **priorities** are and ask you to help us choose the **best strategy** to solve these problems.

Last year a group representing a wide range of people who use and manage the transport network and/or access services in the M4

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Corridor between Magor and Castleton started to build on what people have told us about the problems they experience and the goals they would like to see

accomplished by this Programme. They explored a range of options to solve the problems. Now we want to hear your views on the proposed solutions.

A consultation, open to all, begins on March 6, and continues until June 6, 2012. There will be many different opportunities – at exhibitions and workshops, online and through questionnaires – for you to tell us what you think and by doing so help us determine a robust strategy to ease the flow on the M4 between Magor and Castleton and make the transport system work better into the future.

## If you would like to know more:

- Visit our website: [www.wales.gov.uk/consultations](http://www.wales.gov.uk/consultations)
- Visit [www.m4cem.com](http://www.m4cem.com) for lots more background information, including technical reports.
- Visit one of our **exhibitions** or **workshops**, where we will be describing a range of different approaches to achieving the goals. These measures all address our wider priorities of making the transport system work better to help tackle poverty, increase well-being, assist economic growth and reduce the carbon emissions associated with travel.

## If you would like to tell us what you think:

**Y**ou can feed your views in online – follow follow the links on either of the websites listed here, or on paper, using a response form, available in many public buildings in and Newport, or download one from [www.wales.gov.uk/consultations](http://www.wales.gov.uk/consultations) or [www.m4cem.com](http://www.m4cem.com)

## Who takes the final decision and when will we see improvements on the M4?

**T**aking the feedback received during the forthcoming consultation into account, the Welsh Government will decide on the most

effective strategy to ease the flow on the M4 and relieve pressure on the highways network between Magor and Castleton over the next few years and into the future.

This announcement will be made towards the end of 2012. An implementation plan will be prepared by the project team once the Minister has made a decision.

**Thank you** to everyone who has already been involved in helping to improve our understanding of transport issues in the M4 Corridor, between Magor and Castleton. We hope many more people will help shape the strategy!

### WORKSHOPS (10am-3pm)

*(Advance booking required)*

#### Tuesday 13 March:

Newport – Tredegar House  
NP10 8YW

#### Thursday 15 March

Cardiff – The Urdd Hall  
CF10 5AL

#### Tuesday 20 March

Swansea – Lord Mayor's  
Reception Room, Guildhall  
SA1 4PE

### DROP-IN EXHIBITIONS

*(Noon-7pm)*

#### Wednesday 28 March

Liswerry – Coleg Gwent  
Newport City Campus  
NP19 4TS

#### Thursday 29 March

Magor – Ebenezer Baptist  
Church NP26 3HY

#### Friday 13 April

Brynglas – Brynglas House  
NP20 5QU

#### Tuesday 17 April

Newport – The Newport  
Centre NP20 1UH



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