

M4 CORRIDOR ENHANCEMENT MEASURES COMMENT FORM

PLEASE USE THIS FORM TO GIVE YOUR COMMENTS AND IDEAS, IF YOU WOULD RATHER NOT GIVE FEEDBACK ON THE SHEETS DISPLAYED ON THE PANELS. ALL THE RELEVANT INFORMATION IS REPRODUCED HERE.



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WHAT'S HERE? WHAT CAN YOU DO TODAY?

Today is an opportunity to give **your views** on travel on and around the M4 between Magor and Castleton. You can give your views on two main topics - what you think:

- the main **problems** are
- the **goals** that we should be aiming for

There is a lot to consider. You may only want comment on some of the problems or goals, and that's fine.

WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?

This M4 Motorway between Magor and Castleton falls well short of modern motorway design standards, in relation to capacity and safety.

Problems with congestion and unreliable journey times have been a fact of life on the M4 around Newport for many years.

These issues are worse at times of peak travel and, as the number of users on the network increase, are set to worsen.

A detailed study of the problems of the transport system in SE Wales measured these and other significant failings.

The idea of a relief motorway was explored but, in July 2009, the Welsh Assembly Government announced that this option was no longer affordable.

So, as a part of South East Wales' transport strategy, the M4 Magor to Castleton, Corridor Enhancement Measures Programme (M4 CEM) was set up to explore ways of making improvements to the M4 and the immediately surrounding area, known as the M4 corridor.



M4 Corridor Magor to Castleton

WHAT'S BEEN DONE ALREADY TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS?

To make the M4 safer for users, some sections of steel central barriers have been replaced by concrete central barriers.

To ease congestion, improvements have been made to the roundabout at Junction 24 at Coldra,

The Welsh Assembly Government has purchased the road through Llanwern steel works in order to create a link between Junction 23a and the Southern Distributor Road.

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WHAT IS HAPPENING ON THE MOTORWAY NOW – CURRENT WORKS

To improve traffic flow and safety on the M4 between Coldra and Tredegar Park a Variable Speed System has been installed and is now being commissioned. Traffic Officers have been deployed to help reinforce these safety and efficiency measures. In addition, further sections of steel central barriers are being replaced by (with?) concrete central barriers.

WHO IS WAG TALKING TO ABOUT ALL THIS?

Over the next year the Welsh Assembly Government will be seeking the views of a wide range of people and organisations with an interest in travel on the M4, including the general public. We especially want to hear from people who are most affected, for example because they live or work close by the motorway.

These drop-in events are the first stage of this listening process. Later on this year you will have the opportunity to tell us what you think about some possible practical measures to improve the situation within the M4 corridor.

HOW CAN I STAY INFORMED?

www.wales.gov.uk/transport

You can also give us your details today to receive a report of these drop-ins and to be kept informed about new developments and further opportunities to help shape the next stage of the programme.

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OVER TO YOU:

Please look at each problem and ten year goal, and

Tick any problem you agree needs to be tackled, or goal that you support

Put a cross against any you do not think are problems or which should not be goals

Under comments, **tell us why you agree or disagree** with what is stated; you may like to suggest an amendment to the problem or goal identified

There is space to add new problems or goals

Problem 1	Difficulties maintaining adequate traffic flows on the M4 at times of temporary disruption (for example, following accidents, problems caused by severe weather, or during major events).
✓ / ✗	<input type="checkbox"/> Your comment.....
Problem 2	A greater volume of traffic uses the M4 around Newport than it was designed to accommodate, resulting in regular congestion at peak times.
✓ / ✗	<input type="checkbox"/> Your comment.....
Problem 3	Traffic levels are forecast to continue to increase, therefore problems 1 and 2 will worsen over time.
✓ / ✗	<input type="checkbox"/> Your comment.....

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Problem 4	The existing transport network acts as a constraint to economic growth (for example, as freight companies see increasing delays in deliveries, they may decide not to invest in South Wales.
✓ / ✗	✍ Your comment.....
Problem 5	The M4 requires essential major maintenance within the next 5-10 years; this will involve prolonged lane and speed restrictions, thus increasing congestion problems.
✓ / ✗	✍ Your comment.....
Problem 6	HGVs cope badly with congestion as they take longer to get going again once they've stopped, thus adding to the congestion.
✓ / ✗	✍ Your comment.....
Problem 7	The congested, slow moving traffic on the motorway around Newport adds to air pollution problems.
✓ / ✗	✍ Your comment.....

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Problem 8	Stop-start traffic movement on the M4 results in greater greenhouse gas emissions than free-flowing traffic.
✓ / ✗	✉ Your comment.....
Problem 9	The road and rail transport system in and around the M4 corridor is at increasing risk of disruption due to extreme weather events (for example flooding).
✓ / ✗	✉ Your comment.....
Problem 10	Traffic noise from the motorway is a problem for local residents.
✓ / ✗	✉ Your comment.....
Problem 11	WAG's aim for an improved gateway into Wales is not currently met by the M4 corridor.
✓ / ✗	✉ Your comment.....

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Problem 12	The existing transport system limits what local Councils can do to develop their areas.
✓ / ✗	✍ Your comment.....
Problem 13	The current accident rates on the M4 between Magor and Castleton are higher than average for UK motorways.
✓ / ✗	✍ Your comment.....
Problem 14	The current problems on the M4 between Magor and Castleton at times have a significant knock-on effect, severely disrupting travel within South Wales.
✓ / ✗	✍ Your comment.....
Please note any additional problems here.	
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WHAT SHOULD WE BE AIMING AT ?

This section is about the kinds of transport and other goals that we should be trying to achieve

Goal 1	Make it easier and quicker to travel East-West in South Wales.
✓ / ✗	<input type="text"/> Your comment.....
Goal 2	Improve transport connections to England, the Republic of Ireland and the rest of Europe on the international transport network.
✓ / ✗	<input type="text"/> Your comment.....
Goal 3	Promote more effective use of alternatives to the M4, including other parts of the transport network and other modes of transport for local journeys around Newport.
✓ / ✗	<input type="text"/> Your comment.....
Goal 4	Make best possible use of the existing M4 and local road network.
✓ / ✗	<input type="text"/> Your comment.....

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Goal 5	Make journey times along the M4 corridor more reliable.
✓ / ✘	✉ Your comment.....
Goal 6	Increase the level of choice for all people making journeys within the transport corridor between Magor and Castleton.
✓ / ✘	✉ Your comment.....
Goal 7	Make it easier for people to access key services as well as residential and commercial centres.
✓ / ✘	✉ Your comment.....
Goal 8	Improve safety on the M4 between Magor and Castleton.
✓ / ✘	✉ Your comment.....

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Goal 9	Improve air quality in areas next to the M4 around Newport.
✓ / ✘	✎ Your comment.....
Goal 10	Reduce the disturbance to people of high noise levels, from M4 traffic between Magor and Castleton.
✓ / ✘	✎ Your comment.....
Goal 11	Reduce greenhouse gas emissions per vehicle and/or person kilometer.
✓ / ✘	✎ Your comment.....
Goal 12	Improve the travel experience into South Wales along the M4 Corridor.
✓ / ✘	✎ Your comment.....

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Please note any additional **goal(s)** here.

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WHAT SHOULD THE OVERALL AIMS FOR IMPROVING TRAVEL ON AND AROUND THIS STRETCH OF THE M4 BE DURING THE NEXT TEN YEARS?

PLEASE COMMENT ON OUR SUGGESTIONS AND ADD NEW ONES IF YOU WISH.

2010 – 20	Social: to make it easier for people to reach services such as shops, hospitals, leisure service and places of work, by road, public transport, walking or cycling.
✓ / ✗	✍ Your comment.....
2010 – 20	Economic: to support and encourage prosperity in the region and across Wales by delivering a more efficient transport network on this important economic gateway to South Wales.
✓ / ✗	✍ Your comment.....
2010 – 20	Environmental: to prevent and reduce negative effects of the M4 CEM programme on people and the environment and, where practicable, provide improvements to balance against them.
✓ / ✗	✍ Your comment.....

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Beyond
2020

Your suggestions for Overall Aim(s) for beyond 2020.

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AND FINALLY, PLEASE LET US KNOW WHAT YOU THINK OF THE OPPORTUNITY TODAY TO CONTRIBUTE YOUR VIEWS

1. **How valuable overall did you find this opportunity to contribute your views?**

Not valuable 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Very valuable

Comments:

2. **Was the amount of information ...**

Not enough	Just the right amount	Too much
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Comments:

3. **Was the information easy to understand?**

Not at all easy	Quite easy	Very easy
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Comments:

4. **What message would you like to give the Welsh Assembly Government as they go forward with M4 CEM?**

THANK YOU

Please hand this form back to a member of the team before you leave. Remember that if you leave your contact details with us today, we will send you summary results from these exhibitions. That information will also be available on the WAG website www.wales.gov.uk/transport