

Dear

Request for Information - ATISN 26646

Further to your request for information dated 2nd February. You asked for information on the westbound carriageway of the M4 between Junction 23a Magor and Junction 25 Caerleon. Specifically, you wished to know:

1. Whether there are any 50 mph speed limit signs or speed camera warning signs on the westbound carriageway before J23A. If not, the location of the first such signs encountered by westbound traffic after J23A, by grid reference or marker post.
2. The location of each speed camera (of any type) on the westbound carriageway between J23A and J25, identified by grid reference or marker post number.
3. A copy of the Traffic Regulation Order or Statutory Instrument that imposes a 50mph limit at the point of the first SPECS3 camera (camera 1-1) on the westbound carriageway, if one exists.
4. The Home Office Type Approval conditions for SPECS3, including any requirements regarding enforcement zone configuration and calibration tool recalibration intervals.
5. Calibration certificates for all four tools listed on calibration certificate CRT7294 (road wheel 000069, frequency counter 319444, tape NPJEN02, laser 1020570746) showing their specified recalibration intervals.
6. The full engineer's calibration log and worksheets for the 12/09/2024 site calibration at site 8535.
7. Maintenance and fault logs for site 8535 from 12/09/2024 to 19/09/2025.
8. Records of any carriageway works between J23A and J25 since the baseline distance (4,200m) was measured on 06/01/2021, and confirmation of whether the baseline distance was re-verified after the July 2025 resurfacing works.
9. The measurement uncertainty specification for SPECS3.
10. The enforcement threshold applied at site 8535 and the authority under which it was set.

Our Response

The Welsh Government holds some of the information you requested. Using the numbers from the Questions above.

- 1) There are no permanent 50mph speed limit warnings before Jct 23A. The 50mph permanent speed limit on the westbound carriageway starts approximately 1.2 miles before Jct 24 Coldra and there are signs at following OSGRs:
 - a. 50mph speed limit sign with Camera warning - 338474, 189427
 - b. Average speed check sign - 37971, 189601
- 2) There are two average speed enforcement cameras between J23a and J25
 - a. Location 1 - 337195, 189638
 - b. Location 2 - 333293, 189056
- 3) Attached as a separate document.
- 4) – 7) The Welsh Government does not hold this information. The cameras are the responsibility and operation of Gosafe Welsh Road Casualty Reduction Partnership. They can be contacted at gosafe@dyfed-powys.police.uk
- 8) The site has not been rebase lined as resurfacing works does not change the distance between the cameras. A site would only need to be rebased lined if the carriageway had been realigned and no type of this work has been undertaken on this section of the Motorway.
- 9) – 10) The Welsh Government does not hold this information – see answer to 4-7.

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.

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Cathays Park,
Cardiff,
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The contact details for the Information Commissioner's Office are:

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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