

27 July 2026

Dear

Request for Information - ATISN 27163

Further to your request for information received on 2 July, regarding the temporary traffic signals at the Junction 23A M4 motorway roundabout, Magor.

Information requested

1. When were the traffic signals installed, the cost of the installation and all on-going operational costs.
2. The rationale for the introduction of the signals.
3. A copy of all traffic and safety related studies which were undertaken prior to and following their introduction.
4. An explanation of the assessment process undertaken or to be undertaken following the introduction of the signals along with associated timescales.
5. A copy of any road safety audits which have been undertaken and a timescale of any scheduled to be undertaken.
6. An explanation of the justification of the on-going traffic delay due to the signals and the safety risks associated with stationary queuing traffic on the M4 in close proximity to free flowing traffic.

Our Response

After searching our records, I can confirm that the Welsh Government does hold some of the information you have requested.

1. The signals became operational on the morning of 3rd March 2026. All costs associated with their installation and continued operation are covered by National Highways.
2. Reasons for the installation of the signals are summarised in the various reports submitted as part of this release.
3. There are multiple reports provided, including a Technical Note, Road Safety Audits as well as validation reports for the signals.
4. Details of the assessment procedures are referred to in the reports provided.
5. As per the response for nos. 2 and 3.
6. The Welsh Government does not hold further information relating to this yet. This will be published at a further date.

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 Park
Cardiff
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.

Yours sincerely