

Dear Sir / Madam,

I write in support of proposals for the proposed M4 Corridor around Newport.

As a regular user of the section of motorway in question I am well aware of the congestion problems referenced in a number of the submitted documents. This congestion is worse at peak hours and around the pinch point caused by the Bringlas Tunnels and the two lane section of motorway from High Cross towards the tunnels.

During peak hour I find myself allowing additional time in order to traverse this section of road, adding time to my overall journey time and often causing delay.

I am also aware that such delays effect many businesses across South East Wales on a daily basis, especially those reliant on the road for the movement of goods and this is an important factor in current and future investment decisions of such businesses. The road is a key artery on the strategic road network in South Wales and therefore a key piece of infrastructure supporting the wider economy and therefore problems must be overcome.

In addition, the safety of this section of motorway should be a reason in itself to seek alternative provision. There have been a number of accidents in recent years on the current M4, a number of which have led to fatalities. I feel strongly that the current variable speed limit system is also unsafe with restrictions often requiring a change in speed of 20mph which is a dramatic decrease on a congested motorway.

Both issues of congestion and safety are compounded by the current junction arrangements with a large number of junctions within what is essentially a short section of Motorway. The constant merging and exiting of vehicles adds to the above problems, particularly when people don't know the road and what is approaching.

Aside from the above issues, the wider issues of the potential to improve human health for those currently living around the M4 and the opportunity to plan infrastructure which is capable of accommodating growth and the needs of our future generations should be seen as a key priority.

Many thanks

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