Adran yr Economi a'r Seilwaith Department for Economy and Infrastructure

Ein cyf/Our ref ATISN 11213



19 April 2017

Dear,

Request for Information - ATISN 11213

I wrote to you on 4 April regarding your request for information. You asked for:

- 1. The exact dates that the average speed check was implemented as part of the M4 Corridor Enhancement circa 2009-2011.
- 2. The comparative summary accident and incident data for each year from 2008 to 2016 on the M4 corridor around Newport.
- 3. Any evidence demonstrating that such traffic management measures reduce accidents and incidents.
- 4. Any comparative data that is available on accident/incident levels since the Variable Speed Limit between junction 24 and 28, M4, was introduced.

I confirm we hold information relating to your request. In response to your first question, I can advise:

1. The Variable Speed Limit construction period was September 2009 to June 2011.

The information requested by your remaining questions is exempt from disclosure under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, information otherwise reasonably available. Details of where the information can be located is given below for each of your questions.

2. The comparative summary accident and incident data for each year from 2008 to 2016 on the M4 corridor around Newport is set out in the 2016 M4 Corridor around Newport - Traffic and Collisions Report, summarised on Table 4.5 on page 45, with a breakdown in Appendix C. The document is available online here: http://bailey.persona-pi.com/Public-Inquiries/M4%20-%20Revised/6.2.16.pdf. Hard copies are also available for inspection at Monmouthshire County Council, Innovation House, Wales 1 Business

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Park, Magor, NP26 3DG, Newport Central Library, John Frost Square, Newport, NP20 1PA and whilst the ongoing public local inquiry is sitting in the M4CAN Project Public Local Inquiry Library.

- 3. Accident rate analysis considering such traffic management measures as Average Speed Check can be found within the *M4 Corridor around Newport Traffic and Collisions Report*.
- 4. Comparative data on accident/incident levels since the Variable Speed Limit between junction 24 and 28 was introduced is set out in the *M4 Corridor around Newport Traffic and Collisions Report*, and as above can also be found summarised on Table 4.5 on page 45, with a breakdown in Appendix C.

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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