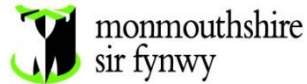


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Notice of Reports Received following Publication of Agenda.

Public Services Scrutiny Committee

Monday, 8th June, 2026 at 10.00 am,
The Council Chamber, County Hall, The Rhadyr ,Usk, NP15 1GA

Attached are reports that the committee will consider as part of the original agenda but were submitted to democratic services following publication of the agenda.

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| 6. | National Highways: Update on the Severn Bridge Heavy Goods Vehicles Restrictions - Presentation by National Highways to provide a 6 monthly progress update. | 1 - 14 |

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Chief Executive

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Update

08-06-26

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Short-Term Solution

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M48 Weight Limit Implementation

- 7.5t weight limit implemented 27th May 2025
- Compliance remains good with only minor transgressions
- Targeted Enforcement continues
- Loadings remain well within acceptable safety tolerances

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Medium-Term Solution

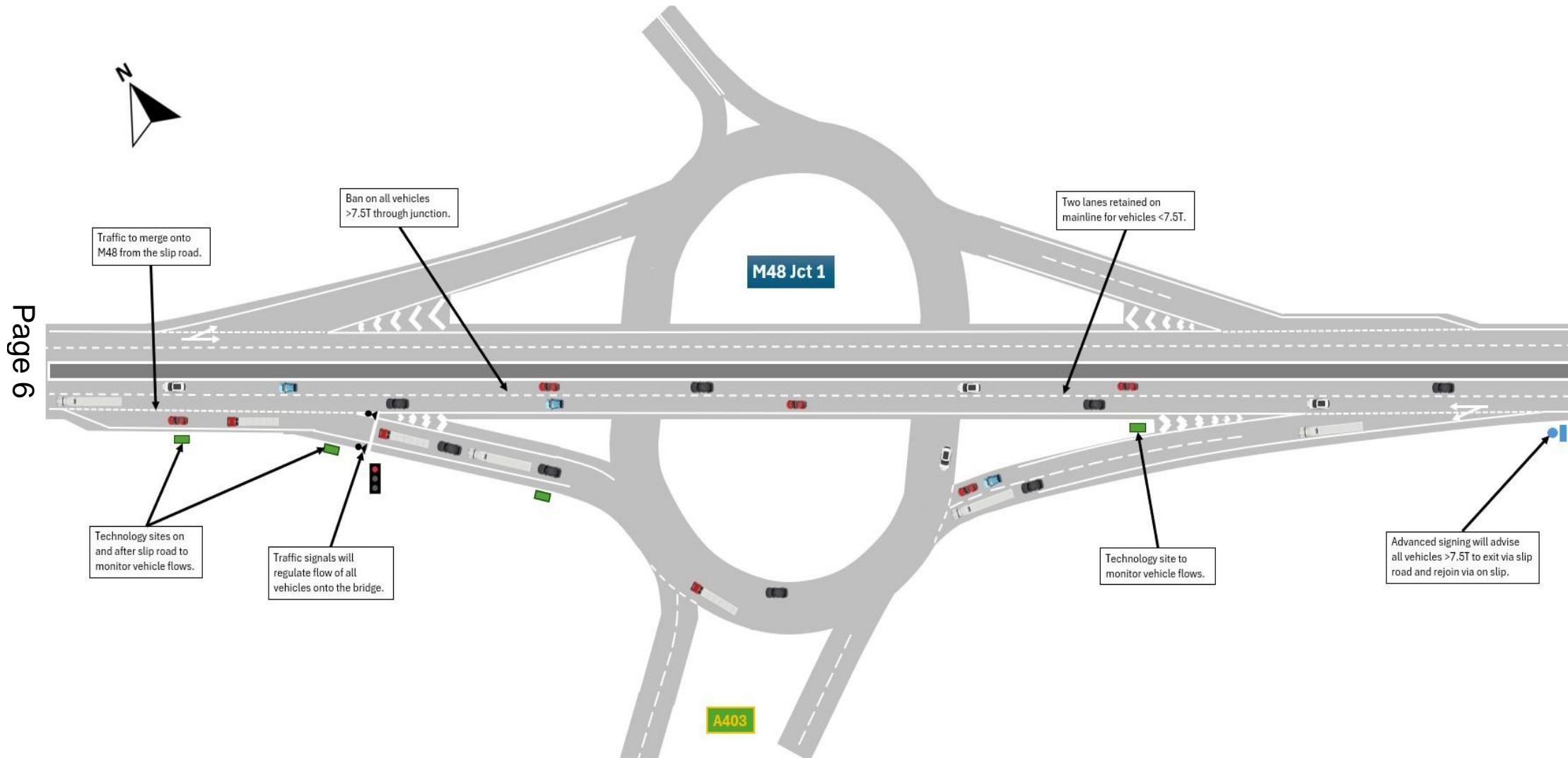
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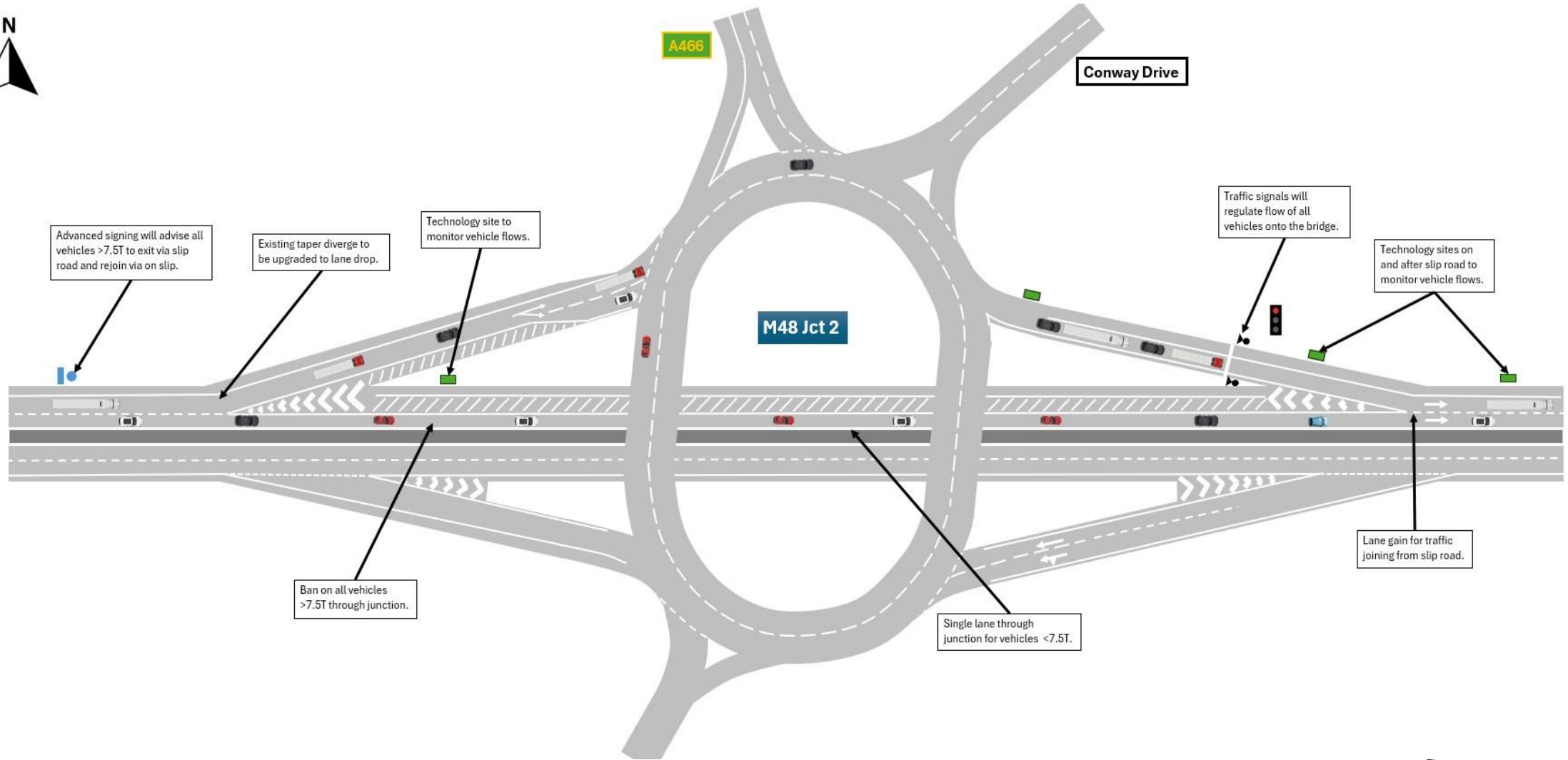
- Technology based HGV access controls
- Limited physical infrastructure (signs/signals)
- Full HGV access except Eastbound AM (0600-1000)
- Exploring **Local** and **Weekend** HGV exemptions

Junction 1



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Junction 2



Next Steps

- Finalise traffic modelling & impact assessment
- Resolve nature /extent of AM peak-hour restrictions
- Commence TTRO/SI drafting
- Technology Trials
 - Factory Acceptance Tests
 - Site Acceptance Tests – Moreton-in-the-Marsh test track
- User workshops – **July.**
- Contract physical engineering works (signs, lines, kerbing)

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Long-Term Solution

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Key Elements

- Industry Engagement
- 3D Scanning of Bridge
- Technical Development of Options
- Option Assessment & Selection
- Cable Design & Sourcing
- Tower & Anchor Requirements
- Technical Modelling & Peer Review
- Construction Methods & Programme Development
- Cost Estimation & Risk
- Outline Business Case
- Bridge Management Strategy

Programme

- 3D Scanning: Summer 2026
- Interim Feasibility Report: Autumn 2026
- Final Report: Winter 2026/27
- Develop Management Strategy: Spring 2027
- New Cable Inspection: Summer 2027

■ ANY QUESTIONS?

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