

Note of Meeting

M4 Junction 18a Link Study South Glos Member Briefing

1. Need more clarity about potential impacts on local roads north of the M4.
2. Concern about the lack of Yate Link; noted that this is a JTS scheme and the J18a Link design would not preclude it and that its impact will be subject to a traffic forecast sensitivity test.
3. Confirmed that the forecast year assessments included future development, as per emerging JSP, will be included in assessment.
4. The traffic modelling tool for this study is the same as used for the JTS and JSP; collection of new traffic volume and origin-destination information will be required for the next stage of scheme development.
5. There will be a traffic forecast sensitivity test to test the impact of extending the Ring Road south of Hicks Gate to the A38.
6. Mitigation measures that would be required on local roads as a direct consequence of the J18a Link would form part of the scheme.
7. The J18a Link would form part of the package of JTS schemes that would enhance accessibility to South Bristol.
8. What would happen to the section of the M4 bypassed by the western option?
Too soon to determine.
9. Which option would be quicker to build? Similar.
10. A similar level of information will be provided for the public consultation, but there will be more discussion of the differences between the options.
11. Need to draw out how the options meet the objectives.
12. Explain how this study fits into the WECA and Highways England programmes.

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