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Thank you for your letter of 1 May regarding petition P-04-384 from Councillor James Harris, which asks that the Welsh Government reviews the most recent decision to exclude an M48/B4245 link from the M4 Corridor Enhancement Measures (M4 CEM) programme.

During the development of the M4 CEM programme over 100 possible interventions or 'measures' have been appraised and new ideas considered at a series of workshops with interested organisations which included Monmouthshire County Council (MCC). During this process the M48/B4245 link was identified as one of the measures which would help meet the M4 CEM Objectives but would best be delivered outside of the programme. Details of the consideration of these measures and those discarded are provided in the 'M4CEM Alternatives Considered Workbook' available for download at [www.m4cem.com](http://www.m4cem.com). This workbook on page 6 refers to the link as "*Considered Measure 1: Link (and new M48 Junction) between B4245 and M48 east of Magor*". For ease of reference a copy of this page is attached which provides information on the measure's appraisal.

MCC have had a report prepared by Capita Symonds on this link and improved parking facilities at Severn Tunnel Junction Railway Station. My officials have been forwarded a copy of this report and have provided MCC with their comments. This report recommends an option with a new grade separated junction on the M48 with a link back to a junction(s) on the B4245 between Rogiet and Caldicot and a connection to an enlarged Severn Tunnel Junction Railway Station. In the report the indicative cost of this proposal was circa £19m but it was acknowledged that further assessment work is required to verify this.

The Welsh Government considers this junction would not be of strategic value for the trunk road network. However, as previously stated, we would be prepared to consider proposals promoted and funded by others for a suitably designed interchange on the M48 between Rogiet and Newhouse.

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