

The Infrastructure Race



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Hinkley Point Complex



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What is Hinkley Point C

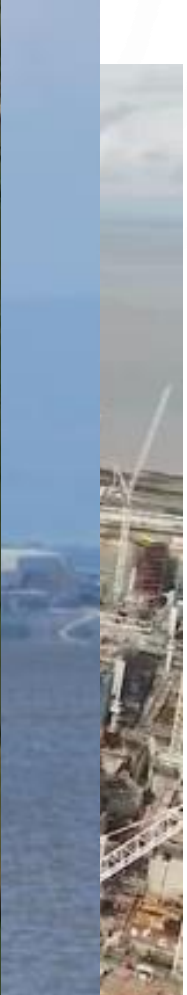
The first new nuclear power station to be built in the UK in over 20 years. Hinkley Point C will be a new generation of Pressurised Water Reactors

The current build is located next to two other Nuclear power plants:

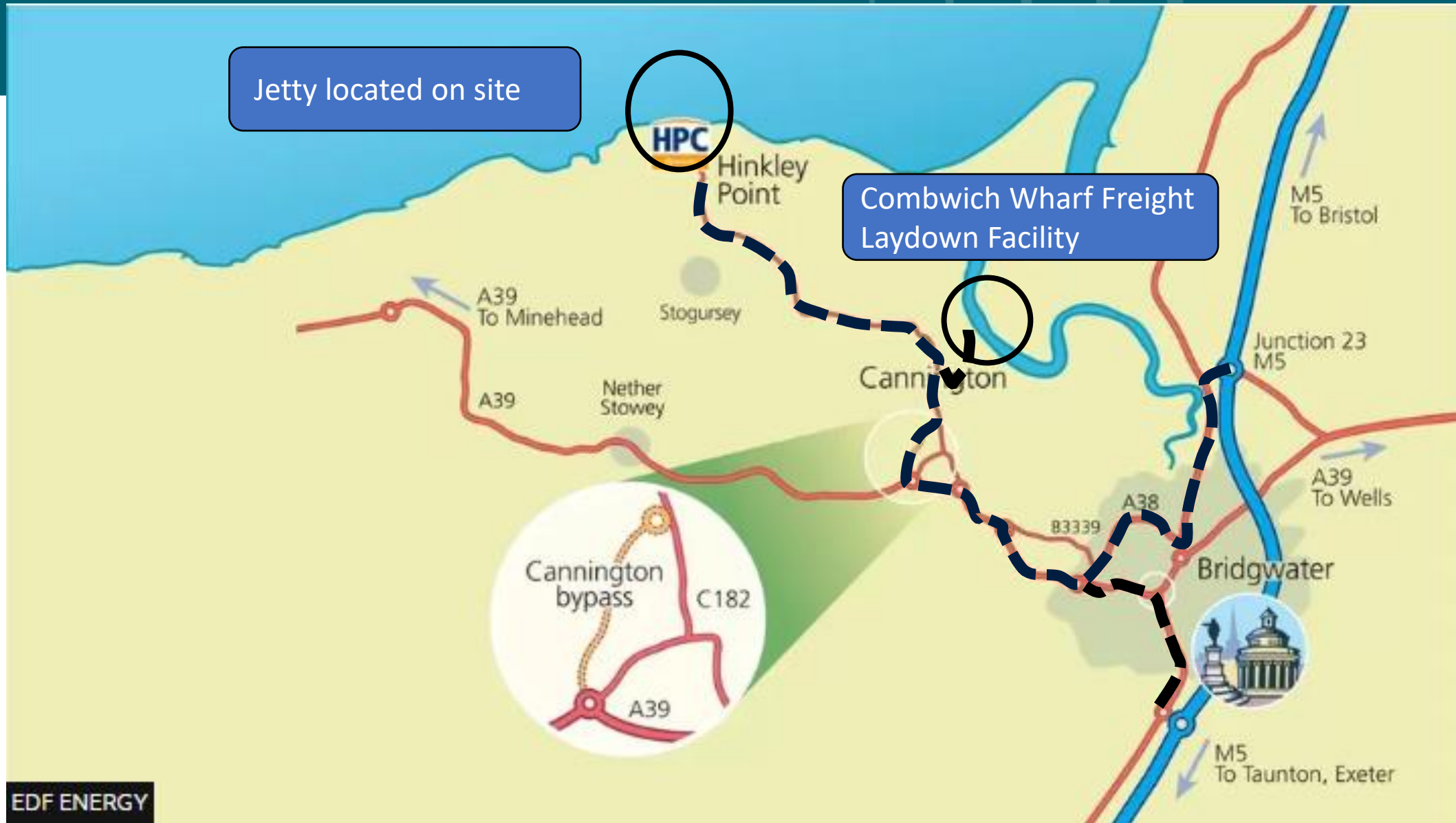
- Hinkley Point A (Magnox nuclear power station undergoing decommissioning)
- Hinkley Point B (Advanced Gas-cooled Reactor currently undergoing defueling)



Hinkley Point C



Hinkley Point Access



Scale of Construction

Hinkley Point C - Scale of the construction site



176
hectares

400 km
pipe work

4000 km
electrical cabling

5.6 MILLION
m³ of earth to be moved

3 Million
tonnes of concrete

50,000 tonnes
structural steel

5,600
workforce at peak of
construction



ENERGY

Enabling Works

A programme of off-site enabling works

To support the main construction works at HPC site
It is a shop window for Hinkley Point C

All works are off the main site within the local communities
Taking place at an early stage within the HPC project timescale

Programme value £225m consisting of:

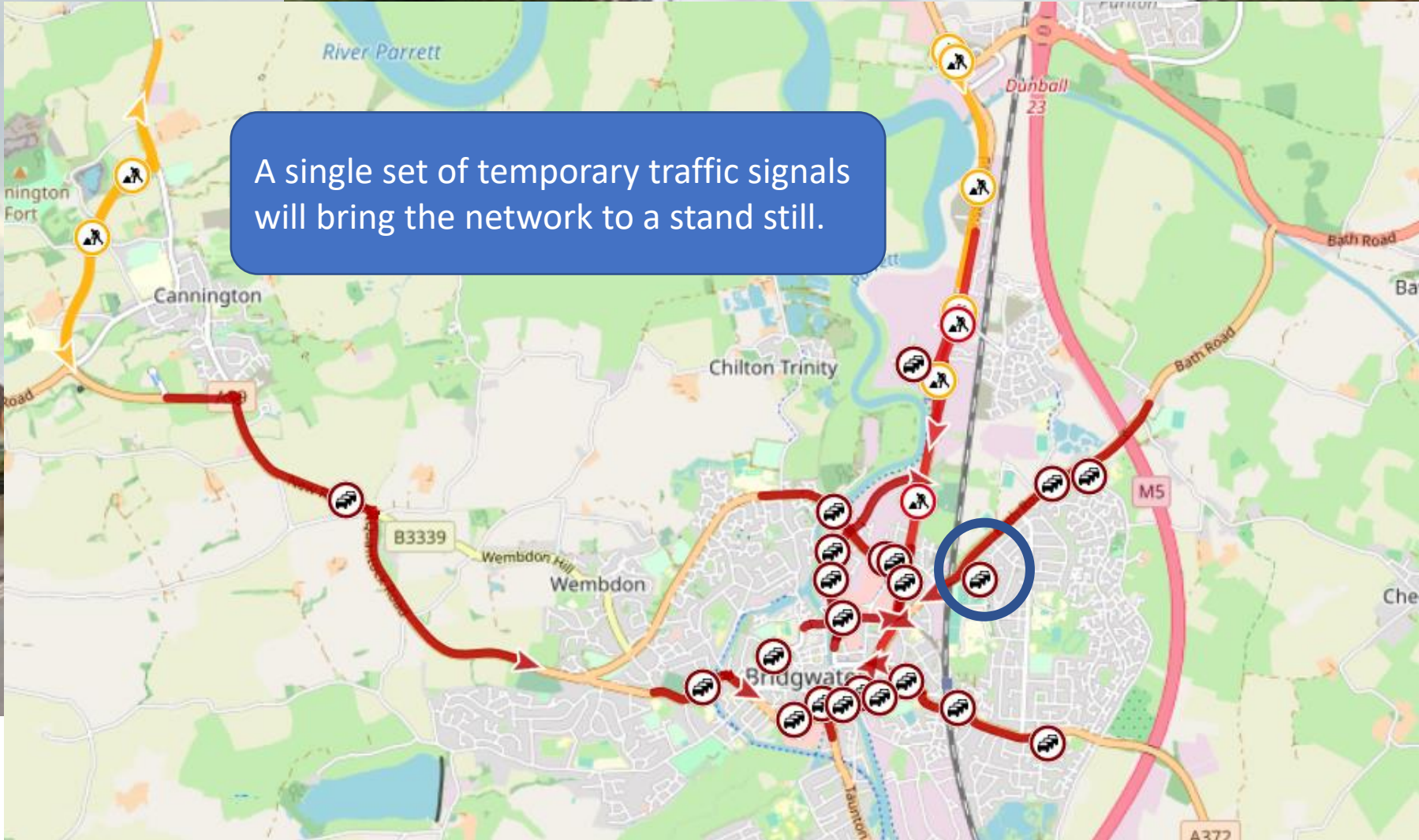
- Early works (£12m)
- Accommodation (£131m)
- Highway improvement schemes (£28m)
- Park and Ride facilities (£31m)
- Combwich AIL Laydown (£9m)
- Reinstatement (£14m)

Limitations of existing Infrastructure

- Bringing London-level traffic to a small Somerset town
- Limited network capacity for the expected increase in traffic volumes
- Majority of the route is urbanised, limited scope for upgrade
- Aged infrastructure – traffic signals, unsuitable junction alignment, lack of pedestrian facilities

Network Pinch Points

A single set of temporary traffic signals will bring the network to a stand still.



Wider Access



to communities

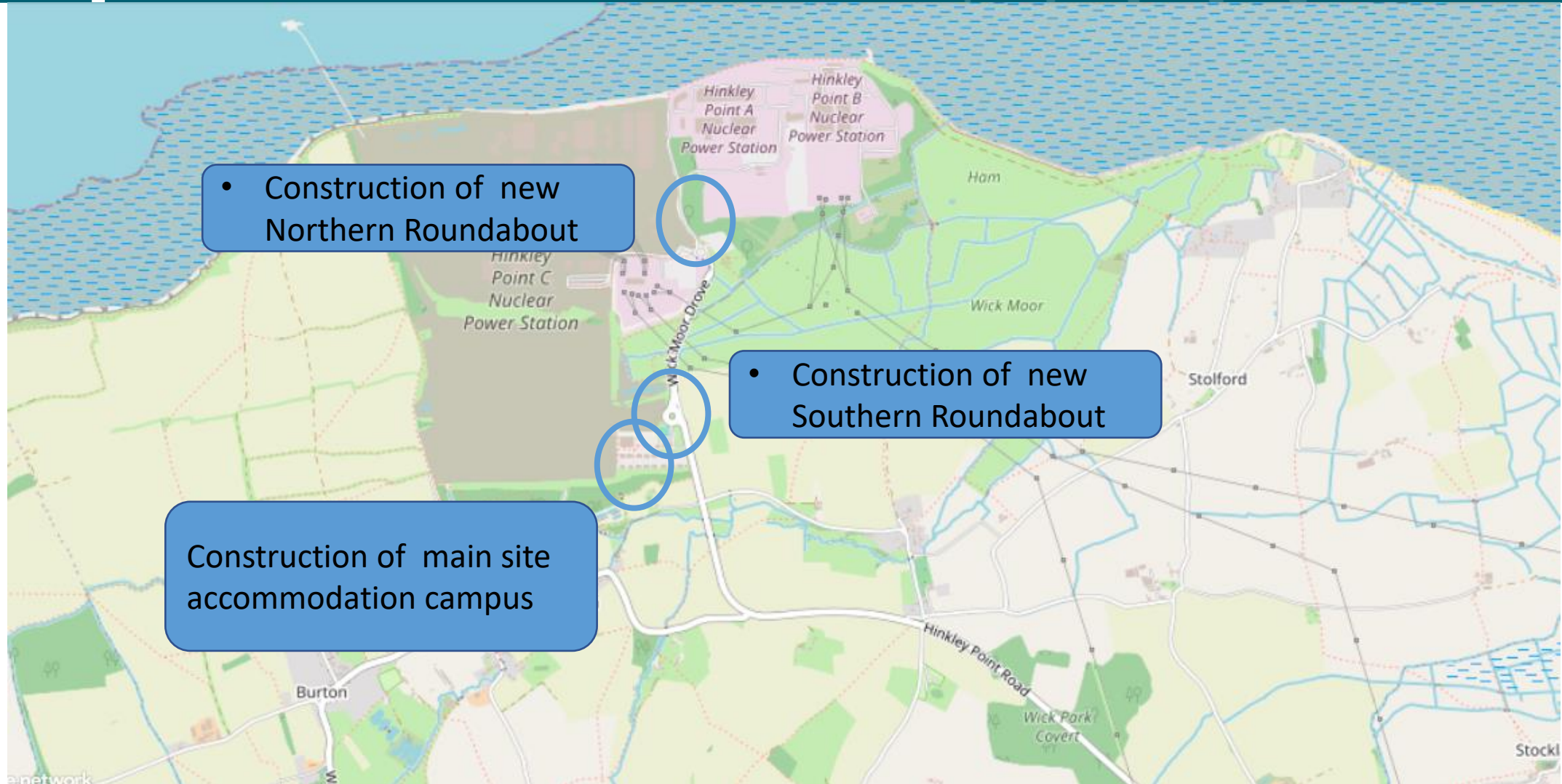
(National Park)

(holiday periods)

Water

works, Somerset Council

Pre Hinkley C Main Build Required Infrastructure

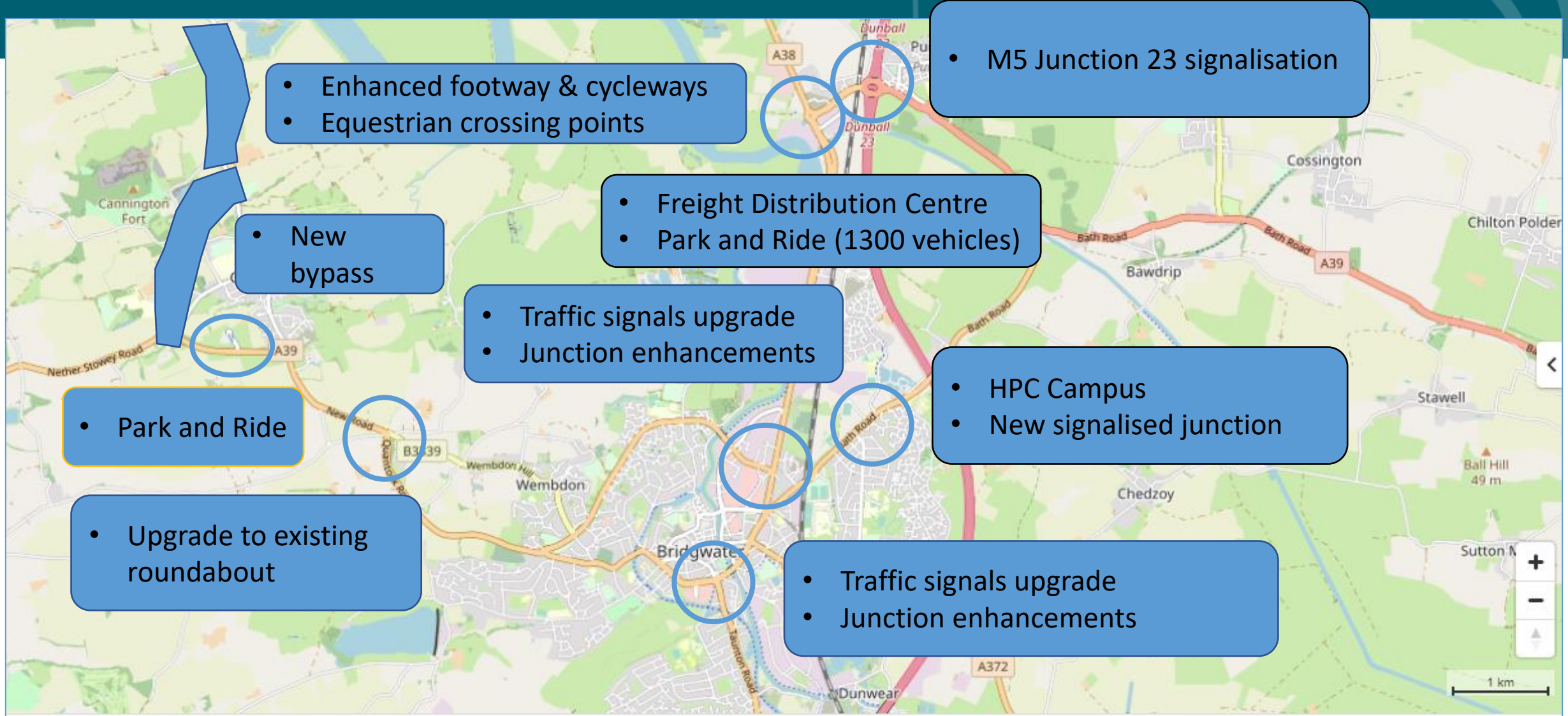


- Construction of new Northern Roundabout

- Construction of new Southern Roundabout

Construction of main site accommodation campus

Pre Hinkley C main build - Required infrastructure



- Enhanced footway & cycleways
- Equestrian crossing points

- M5 Junction 23 signalisation

- New bypass

- Freight Distribution Centre
- Park and Ride (1300 vehicles)

- Traffic signals upgrade
- Junction enhancements

- Park and Ride

- HPC Campus
- New signalised junction

- Upgrade to existing roundabout

- Traffic signals upgrade
- Junction enhancements

Golden Triangle

- Junction refurbishment works in close proximity, within 0.5 miles of each other
- Roads could not be fully closed for full duration
- Works under extended signal heads would not work, traffic volumes would overwhelm phasing times
- Allow for M5 incidents
- One way gyratory system was devised
- Would also reduce the duration of the works by 15 weeks.

Northern Bridgwater junction improvements

Temporary one way system

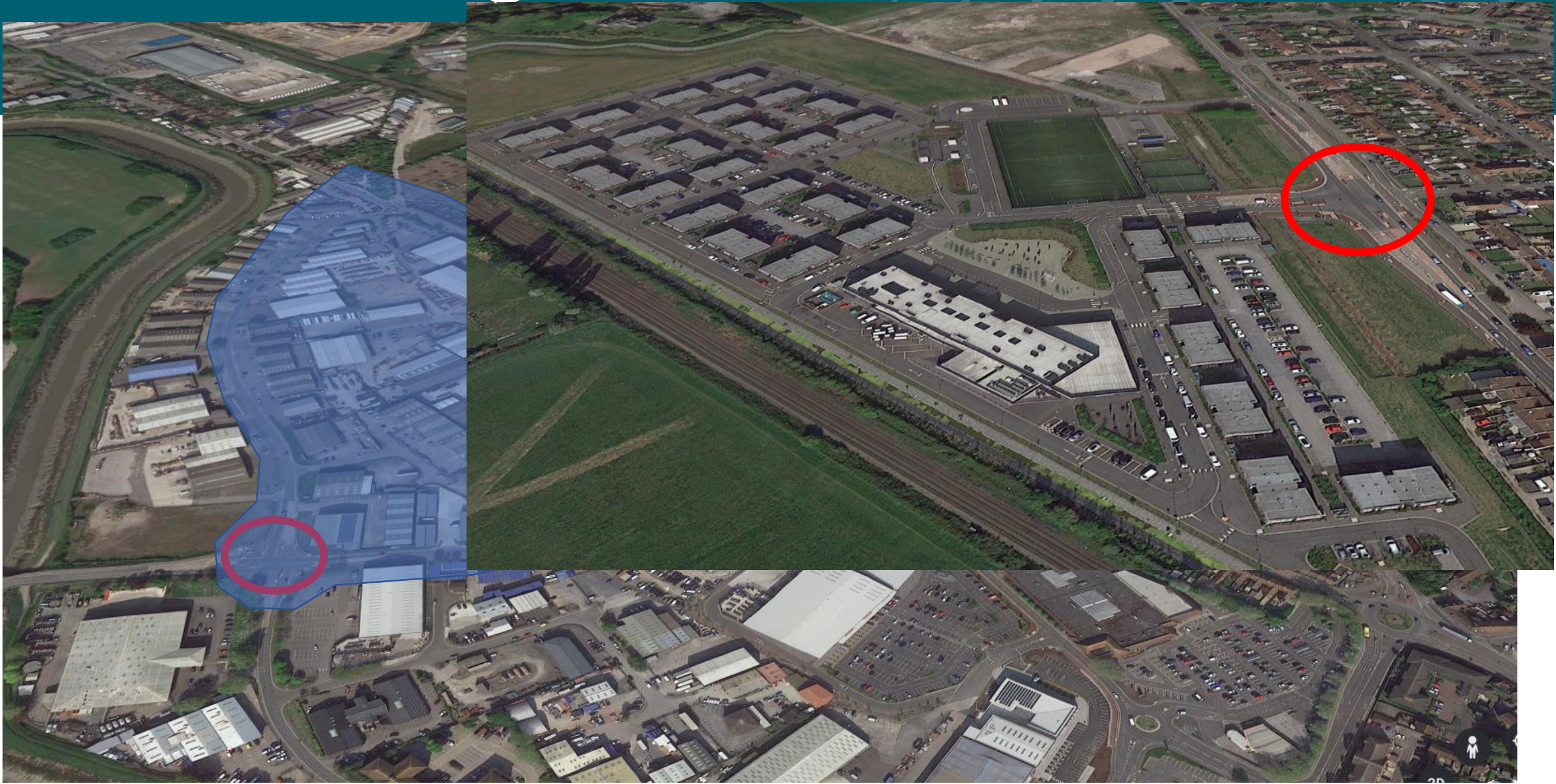
- 1 Bristol Road/The Drove:** We're increasing the width of the right turn lane from Bristol Road into the Drove and improving the junction for pedestrians and cyclists.
- 2 Wylds Road/The Drove:** We're upgrading traffic lights with a new, intelligent system, providing a left-turn slip road from Western Way into Wylds Road and improving the junction for pedestrians and cyclists.



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M5 Junction Access



Engagement

- The HPC design teams were not necessarily familiar with the area and the local challenges
- While there was a DCO in place - it still relied on negotiation and compromise, knowledge sharing
- Works timeline was not necessarily realistic

Agreed a common framework applicable to all works

- Only one major set of works on one arterial route at one time
- A38 north and south routes could not be worked on at the same time
- Only one motorway junction to be worked on at one time
- Thinking out the box in terms of traffic management - what worked before may not work now
- Sometimes shorter disruptive traffic management options are better than long drawn out restricted working

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- Limited capacity for
- Unavoidable network
- Delivery slots imple
- Park and ride to tran
- Installation of Numb
- Upgrading nearby w
- Construction of jetty



HGV vehicle movements

Due to urban settlements, loads are only moved during the day due to environmental constraints

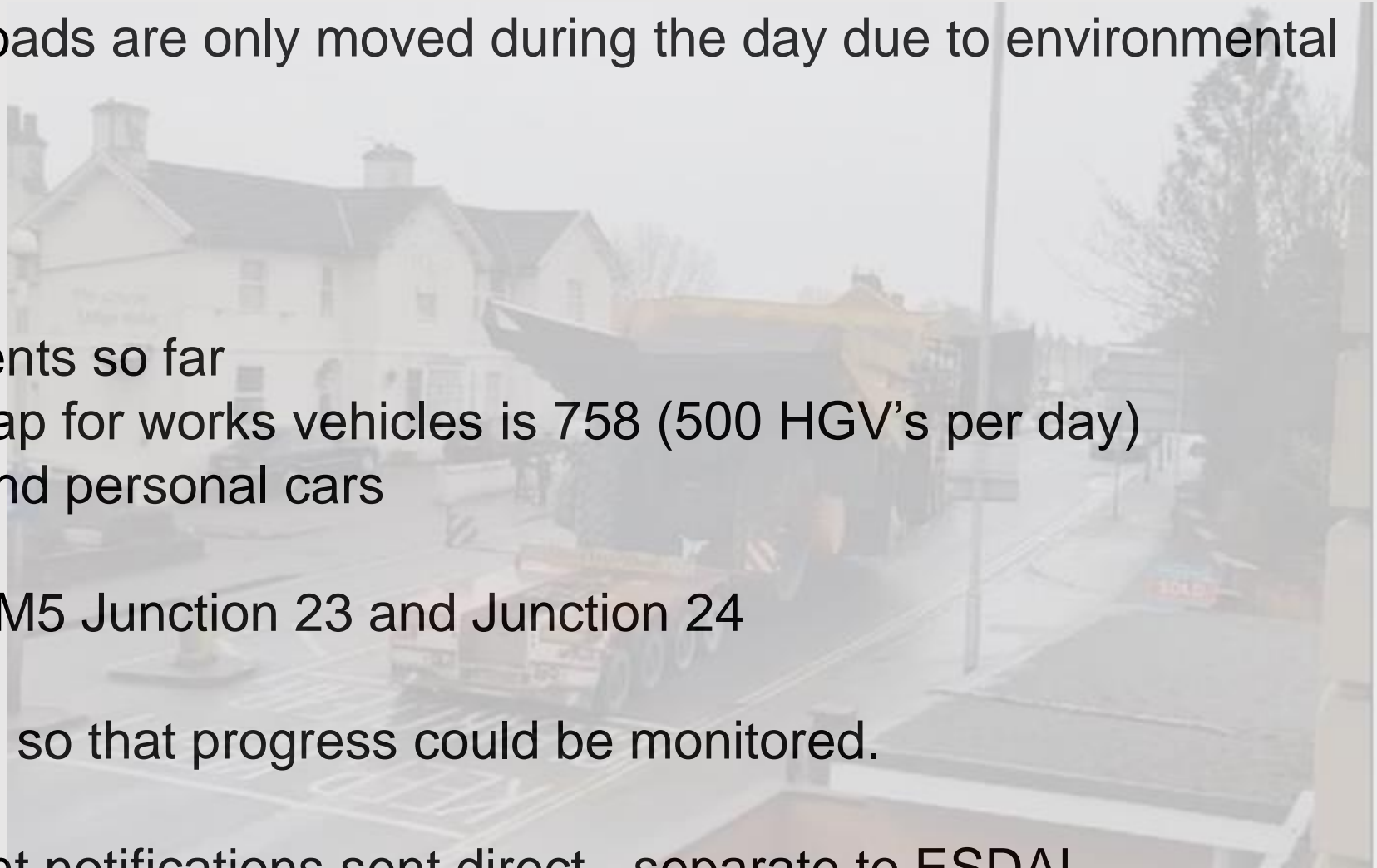
Timed slots for movements

- 7,138 AIL movements so far
- Daily movement cap for works vehicles is 758 (500 HGV's per day)
- excluding buses and personal cars

Assigned HGV routes from M5 Junction 23 and Junction 24

Cameras installed on C182 so that progress could be monitored.

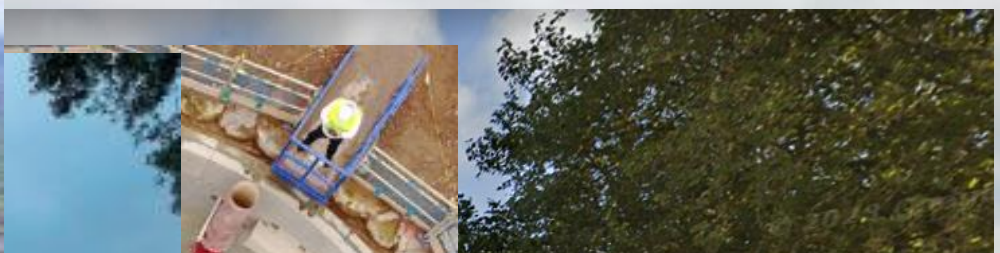
Regular direct AIL movement notifications sent direct - separate to ESDAL



Abnormal Loads



Other Infrastructure



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Time for Questions



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