



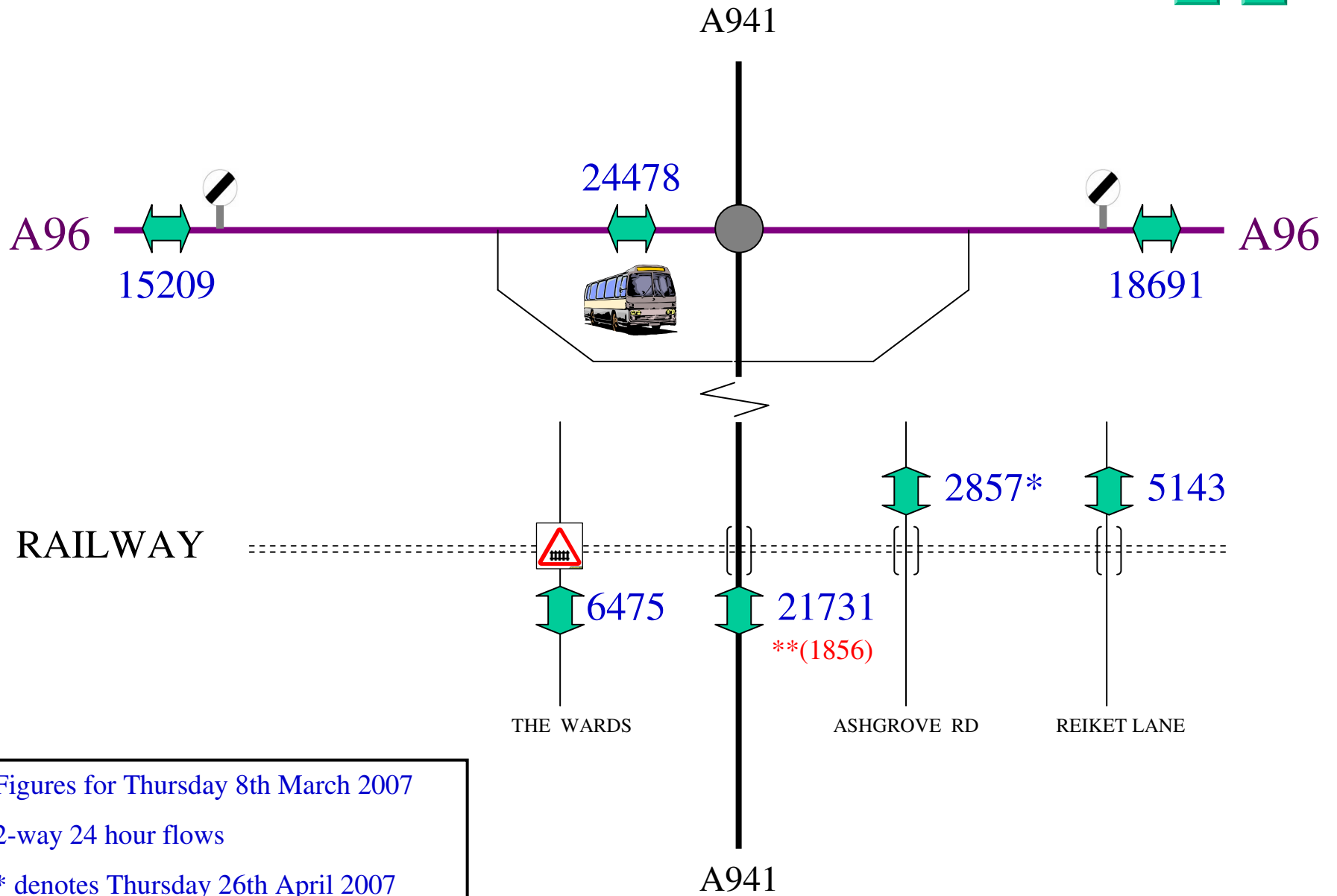
Elgin - a road strategy for the future





Issues to be considered

- how do we deal with congestion?
- how do we deal with traffic distribution?
- how do we accommodate future development?
- how do we support an Elgin bypass?
- what do we do in the meantime?
- how do we afford the costs?
- these issues affect the whole of Elgin**
- ‘Do nothing’ is not an option**

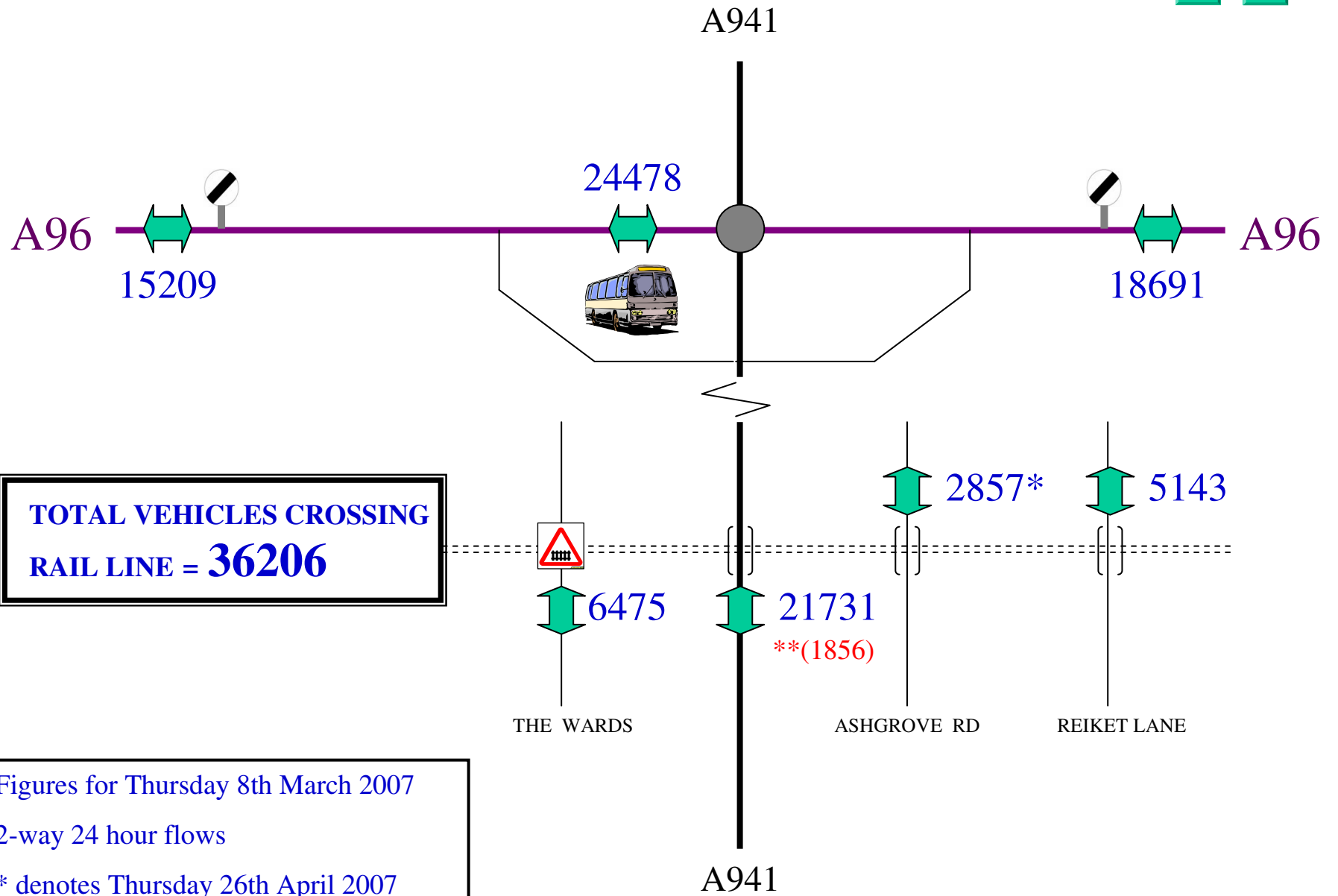


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**TOTAL VEHICLES CROSSING
RAIL LINE = 36206**

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We cannot invest all our expectations into an Elgin Bypass for the following reasons:

- Wholly funded by the Scottish Executive as part of a national transport projects capital programme
- Statutory procedures to be followed by the Scottish Executive
- It is clear that it will not solve all the transport pressures in Elgin

Even if a Bypass was approved through the Strategic Transport Projects Review (STPR) it could take years to deliver



Land and Property

- All of the 7 options which progressed to STAG 2 study would require either land, or land and property, not in Council ownership
- Other improvements to some key junctions in Elgin cannot be carried out without acquiring land, and in some cases also property. As above, all Elgin Bypass options will require land (at least)
- Any improvements to A96 junctions within Elgin would require 3rd party land, and possibly property in some cases

The only transport option which satisfies the key objective and provides value for money for the Local Authority requires both land and property i.e. Option A.

At present other 'easier' options cost more to build than the benefit which can be gained by providing them



Conclusions

- No 'one- scheme fix' available
- A phased programme of major improvements required – investment
- Need to start now
- Not just Elgin – vital for the economy of Moray
- Difficult decisions –
 - strong views in localised areas
 - wider view of benefits
 - enable or restrict future improvements elsewhere (inc Trunk road)
- **'Do nothing' is not an option**