

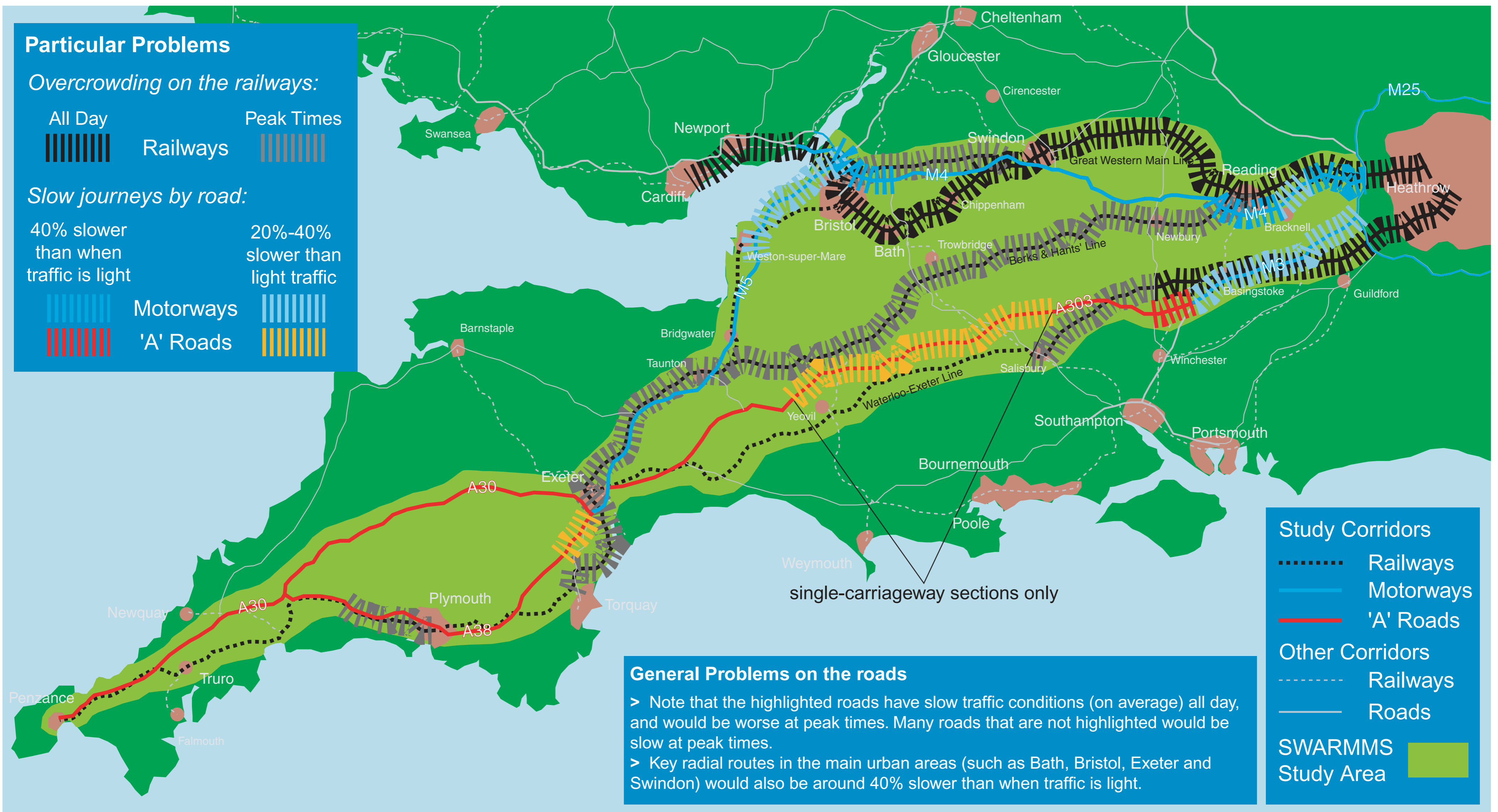
The Future without SWARMMS.....

As part of the study, we have thought about what would happen in the study area if the only schemes and measures that are put in place are those that are currently planned, and people continue to make travel decisions in the way they do today.

Traffic flows would continue to rise as more people obtain and use cars, and congestion and delays would become more widespread. In recent years, the number of people and the

amount of goods travelling by train has increased and, in spite of some well-publicised difficulties, is expected to carry on doing so. This will place increasing pressure on an already hard-pressed rail system to provide more services. The trains will become more unreliable and travel conditions will worsen.

Some of the locations that will experience the worst problems are shown below.



It will be difficult to reduce the numbers of accidents on the roads



Traffic congestion will get worse, and seasonal traffic even more so, which will affect the economies in the study area



Alternatives to using cars and lorries will not significantly improve (and remain unattractive to many people)

so we need to do something.....

.....there are no easy solutions.....

