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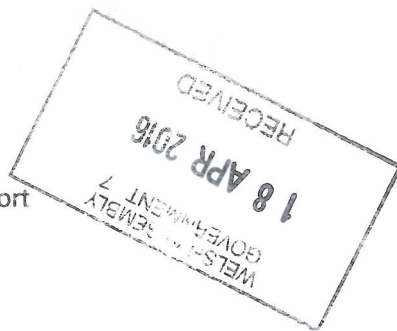
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Dear Sirs

#### M4 Corridor Around Newport

Following the recent publication of Draft Orders for the above project, I am writing to support the Welsh Government's proposals, as published, i.e. the 'Black Route'.

Rees Richards & Partners are a regional firm of property consultants operating across South and West Wales which advises a range of investment, corporate and developer clients. We witness first-hand how the existing M4 has a corrosive impact upon investment into central and west Wales and, therefore, we fully support the published proposals.

In our opinion, only the Black Route can provide what is required, i.e. a safe and resilient primary route around the bottleneck that is the Brynglas Tunnels.

Yours faithfully



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