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Dear Sir/Madam,

M4 Corridor around Newport.

I have followed the successive developments along the M4 corridor ever since I was appointed as the motorway engineer for Glamorgan County Council in 1971. Congestion problems have been overcome, most notably at the Severn Bridge, but one has remained unsolved for over 20 years.

The Welsh Government has been unable to grasp this nettle due to financial issues but this has now been resolved. The Westminster Treasury has granted borrowing powers sufficient to enable this scheme to proceed. The Welsh government has responded by programming design and construction through to completion in 2021.

The Black Route meets all the objectives, particularly congestion at the Brynglas Tunnels, and minimises environmental effects. No viable alternative scheme has been put forward. We are now considering draft orders and these are to be commended to the Public Inquiry inspector, the Welsh Government and the Westminster Treasury.

Yours faithfully