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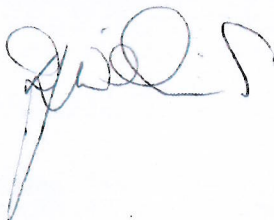
Dear Sir / Madam

M4 Corridor Around Newport

In my capacity as Chief Executive of Eco2 Ltd. and Chair of the Welsh Government Energy & Environment Sector Panel, I wish to convey my strong support for the M4 "black route" in your present consultation regarding the new M4 corridor around Newport.

A key issue with economic growth in Wales is maintaining transport connections with international airports such as Heathrow and the finance centre in London. I believe that efficient motorway and rail connections are vital to both bring business into Wales and to keep our indigenous organisations in Wales. A major factor identified in earlier studies was that organisations which grow to significant scale and require more international business need these connections and has been a factor in the relocation of some of our largest companies from Wales to the East of England.

Yours faithfully,



David Williams
Chief Executive