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Dear Sirs

### **M4 CORRIDOR AROUND NEWPORT**

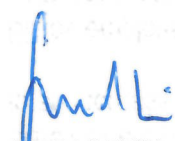
As the Managing Director of Bisley Office Equipment, a large manufacturing plant based on the Reevesland Industrial Estate on the south eastern outskirts of Newport, I have been following the Welsh Government's proposals for a relief road within the M4 Corridor around Newport for some time and with great interest. The Bisley Board naturally welcomes any proposed improvements to the local road infrastructure particularly if it leads to an increase traffic flow in and out of the City.

Bisley employs over 600 people in Newport and manufactures and distributes by road up to 15,000 steel storage units per week. Our Logistics Team load over 30 articulated trailers per day, and consignments are delivered to Bisley customers across Wales, the rest of the UK and exported to Ireland, Europe, the Middle East, USA and even Asia. A Company of this size naturally has an extensive supply chain accepting deliveries 24 hours per day, seven days per week, and we are reliant on just-in-time deliveries.

We believe the benefits of a new relief road would include more efficient deliveries and improved delivery performance for our customers. Bisley has faced very difficult times over the last few years leading to the decision to close our factory in Surrey and transfer all manufacturing operations to the Newport site. It would also be beneficial for all our employees, especially at peak times when certain parts of Newport and the existing M4 motorway can be at a near standstill. We have found that slow journey times resulting from rush hour congestion has become a barrier to recruitment.

Travelling from London and the South of England, industrial organisations, residents and visitors to Wales alike already face the Toll Charge of the Severn Crossing, and delays experienced at the Toll Booths. Within only a few miles, due to sheer volume of traffic (not only at peak times) drivers face further delays as they head towards the Bryn Glas Tunnels on the existing M4. A relief road really would do much to alleviate these delays and would have a very positive effect on our business.

Yours faithfully



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