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Dear Sirs

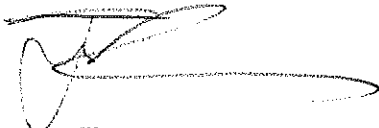
**Re: M4 Corridor around Newport**

St. Modwen Developments Limited (SMDL) has provided comments at each recent stage of consultation on the M4 corridor around Newport. For a variety of reasons including economic opportunity as well overcoming severe (regional and national) constraint, we support the delivery of the 'Black Route'.

Having seen the package of information issued recently we write to continue this support. The construction of a new motorway is a major economic stimulus and will remove a significant and very current blockage to growth across the whole of South Wales. Given recent announcements about wider economic threats, both the project itself and the principles it includes – especially about junction location – are therefore particularly welcome.

They would also not be delivered by any other type of project – and any proposal to try and upgrade the Queen's Way (to fulfil a similar function) would be very counterproductive. This is mainly because of the impact it could have on the Glan Llyn project (which is a new neighbourhood anchored by 4000 homes). The scheme is currently transforming the former heavy end of the Llanwern Steelworks and whilst progress is being made that could be seriously disturbed by any decision to locate a motorway along its long southern edge. Whilst – as signalled before - this means that we may want to check that appropriate mitigation is in place as detailed design progresses, the 'Black Route' is clearly much better placed in this very important respect.

Yours faithfully



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