

I would like to offer my full support for the Black Route.

As a Civil Engineer who has worked in the transport sector for nearly 40 years I believe that I have the knowledge and experience to fully appreciate the advantages of the Black route over the other alternatives.

The Bryn Glas tunnels causes major congestion and It puts people off visiting, working, living, and investing in Wales. It's programmed refurbishment will not enhance its capacity nearly improve its safety. Improvements and strengthening along the existing route are urgently required having been put off for decades awaiting the construction of the M4 Relief Road. These works will themselves cause major disruption and further add to the discontent of users and potential visitors and investors.

For Wales to compete on the global stage we need to attract jobs and increase our productivity. We need to improve logistics in key southern business zones from Cardiff to Swansea to Port Talbot and Pembroke Dock. The benefits of the increased prosperity will be felt across the whole of Wales and not just the South East corner!

We need to stimulate tourism across the country and increase our ability to host major cultural and sporting events.

The new motorway has been assessed and debated for many years and has resulted in the existing route becoming sub Standard and in some sections seriously under strength and dangerous. We have waited long enough. Widening the existing M4, or other existing roads, would just be a 'sticking plaster' that would fail to deliver for both this generation, and generations to come. The Black Route has been sustainably planned using industrial land skirting the edge of the Gwent Levels, with new junctions to serve Newport housing and commercial areas. This route offers the only solution to the major bottle neck around Newport enabling Wales to prosper than the wither with the other alternatives put forward.

I and my family strongly support the proposal and hope that common sense will prevail.

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