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Dear Sirs

**RE: M4 Corridor around Newport**

I would like to register my support for the proposed "preferred route" M4 scheme south of Newport.

As a resident of London who frequently travels along the M4 south Wales corridor, I am fully aware of the current limitations of the M4 north of Newport, which was never designed for the volume of traffic currently experienced. Congestion of this nature, especially adjacent to residential areas has a large impact from the poor air quality created. The preferred route alleviates this issue, whilst increasing capacity, providing links to areas of Newport requiring much needed investment opportunities and minimises the intrusion on the "Levels" by utilising brown field land and existing highway corridors.

I appreciate the economic draw of a Capital city and the benefits that can create for distribution across the entire region and country. It is a shame that major infrastructure developments, with extended Project concept to delivery durations and long term strategic implications, are subject to Politician's decisions, which are always swayed by short termism of the electoral cycle.

Yours faithfully

**Mr Martin Wilson**