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Dear Sirs,

### **M4 Corridor south of Newport**

I am writing on behalf of my company in response to the recent publication of Draft Orders for the above project. Wales & West Utilities supports the Welsh Government proposals for the 'Black Route'.

Wales & West Utilities is the gas distribution company which runs the network of pipework and assets covering all of Wales and the south west of England. We also provide the emergency service in the event of a reported gas leak by members of the public - providing a service 24 hours a day, every day of the year.

In undertaking our extensive activities across our operating region, we see first-hand how the current M4 has such a disruptive impact upon traffic entering and leaving south east Wales - and which subsequently has such a negative effect on potential investment into Wales. We therefore fully support the published proposals.

As far as we can see only the Black Route can provide the necessary safe and resilient route required around the significant bottleneck that is the Brynglas Tunnels.

Yours Sincerely,

Graham Edwards  
Chief Executive

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