

To Whom It May Concern,

Please note that Walters UK Ltd, whole heartedly support the construction of the M4 Black Route as the Gateway into Wales.

- We are based in RCT, an employment black spot, the new route will help us maintain and improve employment within that area. We currently employ 100 + people and with the construction of the new route this will double in number.
- We are a £40m to £50m turnover company, construction of the Black Route will allow us to raise this turnover by at least 50%.
- Our supply chain is largely based in the local/regional community because of this the benefits indicated above will also be reflected in the greater Welsh economy.
- In the long term the Black Route will facilitate easier and more beneficial access to markets in the South East thereby further aiding our business and that of our supply chain.
- The Blue Route is a “sticking plaster” solution that will not be effective, nor confident in promoting Wales as a dynamic place to do business. It will have the opposite effect in that it will stifle any ambition of Wales becoming a vibrant economy.
- The Black Route provides an effective, confidence building solution to the need to provide Wales with a gateway that is attractive to investors.

I urge the Minister to make the right decision for the Welsh economy and the people of Wales, that is to support and give the go ahead for the construction of the M4 Black Route.

kindest regards
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