

To Whom It May Concern,

Please note that the Walters Group, Celtic Energy, Ffos Las Racecourse, Gorrell Equipment Solutions Ltd and Likes Landrover whole heartedly support the construction of the M4 Black Route as the Gateway into Wales.

- The above Companies are based in South Wales and the South west of England. The new route will help the companies maintain and improve employment within these areas. We currently employ 600 + people and the construction of the new route this will help us significantly increase this number.
- As set of companies we plan to turnover in excess of £200m per year, construction of the Black Route will allow us to meet and beat this number.
- Our supply chain is largely based in the local/regional economy and the benefits indicated above will also be reflected in the greater Welsh and South West 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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Chairman

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