

Planning Department
Newport City Council
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Re: Support for Outline Planning Application - Alternative Bridge Scheme at Forge Mews

I am writing to express my support for John Blackwell's outline planning application for a replacement single-lane modular bridge at Forge Mews.

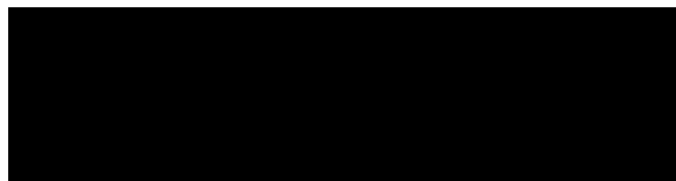
This proposal delivers several important advantages:

- It restores vehicle access to 19 homes at a fraction of the £11M alternative
- It makes use of the existing structural supports, minimising environmental impact
- It avoids in-river works and prevents unnecessary ecological disturbance
- It preserves pedestrian access throughout the construction period
- It can be completed more quickly and with significantly less disruption
- It offers a sustainable, proportionate, and practical solution

Given the prolonged loss of access residents have faced since 2021, I believe this alternative warrants full and fair consideration.

I respectfully ask that the Council evaluate this proposal alongside the current application and ensure that the most cost-effective and environmentally responsible option is progressed.

Yours faithfully,

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Nº 10 Forge mews.

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I am writing to strongly support John Blackwell's outline planning application for a replacement single-lane modular bridge at Forge Mews. After years of disruption, this proposal offers residents a realistic, responsible, and urgently needed way forward.

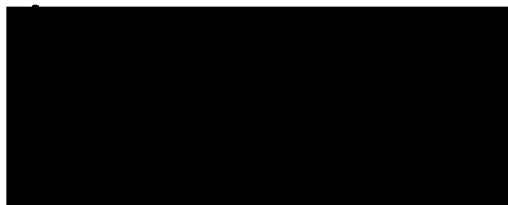
The benefits of this scheme are clear and compelling:

- It would restore essential vehicle access to 19 homes at a fraction of the £11M alternative
- It makes intelligent use of the existing structural supports, significantly reducing environmental impact
- It avoids any in-river construction, protecting the local ecology and minimising risk
- It ensures uninterrupted pedestrian access throughout the works
- It can be delivered far more quickly and with considerably less disruption to residents and the surrounding area
- It represents a sustainable, proportionate, and practical solution that aligns with both community needs and environmental responsibility

Residents have endured prolonged severance since 2021, and the consequences have been substantial. In light of this, it is only reasonable that a cost-effective, low-impact alternative such as this receives full and fair consideration.

I respectfully urge the Council to evaluate this proposal alongside the existing application and to prioritise the option that delivers the best outcome for both residents and the environment. The community deserves a solution that is sensible, affordable, and achievable without further delay.

Yours faithfully,



n° 10

To Planning Dept Newport City Council,

I am writing to support outline planning application 26/0261 for a replacement bridge serving Forge Mews.

Residents would strongly encourage the Planning Committee to visit the site in person to fully appreciate the long-standing access, safety and day-to-day living challenges that this proposal aims to resolve.

These issues impact emergency services, delivery vehicles, waste collection, carers, visitors and the overall quality of life for those who live here, and they have remained unresolved for many years.

The earlier £11 million bridge scheme has been confirmed as having no funding, leaving the community without a viable solution.

This outline application presents a practical and more affordable alternative, making use of the existing abutments and allowing a structure to be designed to current UK highway loading standards.

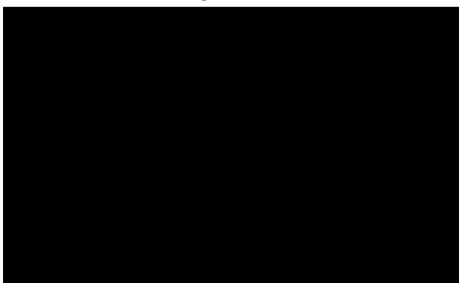
Should outline approval be granted, residents would welcome swift progress into the detailed design phase.

The letter dated 20th March from the Head of Infrastructure states, "We will take some time to review our position," which raises concerns about further delays. After years of waiting, the community needs clarity and momentum, not more uncertainty.

We would therefore welcome early and constructive engagement between Newport City Council officers, the applicant and residents to ensure the detailed design can be developed efficiently and in line with national standards, while reflecting local needs.

Residents fully support a collaborative approach that enables a safe, affordable and deliverable bridge solution to move forward without further delay. This application provides a clear and achievable route to finally resolving the long-standing access problems at Forge Mews.

Yours faithfully,



(Nº 10)

To Planning Dept Newport City Council,

I wish to express my support for outline planning application 26/0261 for a replacement bridge serving Forge Mews.

Residents would welcome the Planning Committee undertaking a site visit to see first-hand the long-standing access, safety and daily living issues that this proposal seeks to address.

These difficulties affect emergency access, deliveries, waste collection, carers, visitors and the general wellbeing of residents, and they have persisted for the last 4 and a half years.

The previous £11 million bridge proposal has been confirmed as unfunded, leaving the community without a practical or deliverable solution.

This outline application provides a realistic, lower-cost alternative that can be achieved using the existing abutments and designed to modern UK highway loading standards.

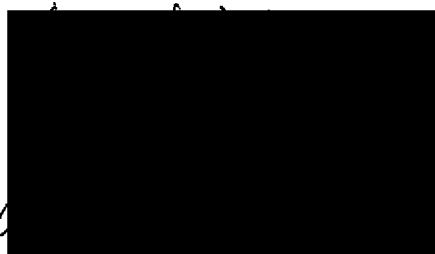
If outline permission is granted, residents would strongly welcome the next stage of work progressing without delay.

The letter of 20th March from the Head of Infrastructure states, "We will take some time to review our position." This raises understandable concern about further delays. The community has already waited a long time for a workable solution, and early engagement between Newport City Council officers, the applicant and residents is essential to ensure the detailed design can move forward efficiently.

Residents support a collaborative approach that enables the detailed design to be developed promptly, in line with national standards and with full consideration of local needs.

A safe, affordable and deliverable bridge solution is urgently needed, and this application provides a clear pathway to achieving it.

Yours faithfully,

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To Planning Dept Newport City Council

I wish to support the outline planning application 26/0261 for a replacement bridge serving Forge Mews.

Residents would welcome the Planning Committee to undertake a site visit to see first-hand the long-standing access, safety and daily living issues that this application seeks to resolve.

These problems affect emergency access, deliveries, waste collection, carers, visitors and the general wellbeing of us, the residents, and they have persisted for many years.

The previous £11 million bridge proposal was confirmed as unfunded, leaving us without a practical solution.

This outline application offers a realistic, lower-cost alternative that can be delivered using the existing abutments and designed to modern UK highway loading standards.

If outline permission is granted, we would strongly welcome the next stage of design work being progressed without delay.

The letter of 20th March from Head of infrastructure indicates "We will take some time to review our position"... where does this leave us?

The community has already waited a long time for a workable solution, and we would value early engagement between Newport City Council's professional officers, the applicant and residents to ensure the detailed design can move forward quickly and efficiently.

Residents support a collaborative approach that allows the detailed design to be developed promptly, in line with national standards and with full consideration of local needs.

A safe, affordable and deliverable bridge solution is urgently needed, and this application provides a clear pathway to achieve it.

Ben Jones n° 11

A handwritten signature, likely of Ben Jones, consisting of a stylized 'B' and 'J' followed by a circular flourish.