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To: Hawkins, Grant (Principal Planning Officer) <Grant.Hawkins@newport.gov.uk>

Subject: Planning comments from Graig Community Council

Bore da/Good morning Grant

Here's the comment for the below planning application:

26/0261|OUTLINE APPLICATION (APPROVAL SOUGHT FOR ACCESS AND LAYOUT) FOR REPAIRS AND PARTIAL REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING BRIDGE OVER RIVER EBBW TO FACILITATE SINGLE LANE TRAFFIC | Bridge Over Ebbw River Forge Mews Bassaleg Newport NP10 8NE

Comment: Graig Community Council strongly supports this application on the grounds that it will resolve several longstanding issues affecting the residents of Forge Mews, including – but not limited to:

- Lack of vehicular access for residents and their visitors
- Access issues for the emergency services
- Delivery issues
- Waste management issues
- Knock-on impacts on the residents of Forge Mews's wellbeing and property value

The community council would greatly appreciate opportunities to collaborate with the city council to enable the work to progress as quickly as possible. Additionally:

Graig Community Council has been aware that there had been historic parking issues with the bridge. The modular design being proposed prevents that issue from reoccurring and reduces the overall load on the weight-bearing sections of the bridge. Also, it separates vehicles from bridge crossing pedestrians, improving safety.

Given the ongoing issues affecting the residents of Forge Mews highlighted above, the community council believed the harm to views of heritage assets from the construction of a new bridge were minimal, given the availability of multiple alternative viewpoints in the vicinity, mitigating any adverse impacts. The community council believes this will be the case with the plans proposed here.

The community council argued that the concerns raised by the Highways department regarding the replacement bridge could be addressed by practical

mitigation measures and that the concerns raised about HGVs are not proportionate for the locality, where traffic flows are low and the only HGVs present are small delivery vehicles. The new design further demonstrates that this is the case.

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Regards

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