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To: NCC - Planning <Planning@newport.gov.uk>

Subject: Forge Mews

To the Planning Department,

I am writing to support the outline planning application relating to the alternative bridge proposal at Forge Mews.

The single-lane modular bridge put forward by John Blackwell appears to offer a practical and sensible way forward for residents. In my view, it provides a number of important advantages that should be carefully considered as part of the Council's assessment.

Most importantly, the proposal would restore vehicle access to the 19 affected homes, while doing so at a significantly lower cost than the £11 million scheme currently under consideration. It also makes use of the existing structural supports, which would help to reduce the overall environmental impact of the works.

Another major benefit is that the design avoids the need for works within the river itself, helping to minimise ecological disturbance. Pedestrian access would also remain available throughout the construction period, which is an important consideration for residents.

The bridge also appears capable of being delivered more quickly and with less disruption than other options. For these reasons, I believe it represents a proportionate and sustainable solution.

Residents have now been dealing with the long-term effects of severance since 2021. Given that history, I believe this alternative proposal deserves full and fair consideration.

I would respectfully ask the Council to assess this proposal alongside the existing application and to support whichever option proves to be the most cost-effective and environmentally responsible.

Thanks