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

Subject: Support for Alternative Bridge Proposal – Forge Mews

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my support for the alternative bridge proposal for Forge Mews.

As someone directly affected by the ongoing loss of access, I believe this proposal offers a sensible and practical way forward. Residents have been living with the consequences of this situation since 2021, and it is increasingly important that a workable solution is identified and delivered without further delay.

This proposal stands out because it would restore essential vehicle access to the 19 homes at Forge Mews while doing so at a significantly lower cost than the £11 million scheme currently under consideration. It also makes use of existing structural supports, which represents a more efficient use of resources and helps to minimise environmental impact.

I understand that this option avoids the need for works within the river, thereby reducing ecological disturbance. In addition, the ability to maintain pedestrian access during construction would greatly ease the day-to-day challenges residents continue to face while any works are undertaken.

Another key advantage is that this proposal appears capable of being delivered more quickly and with less disruption than alternative options. After several years of uncertainty and ongoing inconvenience, this is a factor of considerable importance to those of us affected.

The ongoing lack of vehicular access has had a significant and continuing impact on residents, both practically and financially. For many households, this has created additional costs and daily challenges that would not otherwise exist. Residents have been unable to make full use of the driveways and garages attached to their properties, despite continuing to pay for these as part of their mortgage or rent arrangements, and are instead required to park on the main road, which has in some cases resulted in substantially increased car insurance premiums.

The situation has also affected family life and accessibility. In my own case, elderly parents and relatives with mobility issues or disabilities are unable to visit due to the absence of suitable vehicle access, which has had a real impact on maintaining family contact and support.

For all of these reasons, I respectfully urge the Council to give this alternative proposal full and fair consideration alongside the existing application, and to support the option that is most practical, cost-effective, and environmentally responsible.

Yours faithfully,

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