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

Subject: Forge Mews

To the Planning Department,

I am writing as a resident to support the alternative bridge proposal at Forge Mews.

Like many others affected by the loss of access since 2021, I feel this proposal offers a practical and sensible way forward. The single-lane modular bridge put forward by John Blackwell seems to address the problem in a way that is realistic, proportionate, and mindful of both cost and environmental impact.

One of the main reasons I support it is that it would restore vehicle access to the 19 homes affected, but at a fraction of the cost of the £11 million scheme currently being considered. It also makes use of the existing structural supports, which seems a more sensible and less wasteful approach.

I also understand that this option avoids carrying out works in the river, which would help reduce ecological disturbance. At the same time, pedestrian access could be maintained throughout construction, which would make a real difference for residents while the work is taking place.

Another important point is that this proposal appears capable of being delivered more quickly and with less disruption than other options. After several years of uncertainty and inconvenience, that matters.

Residents have been living with the effects of this situation for a long time now. For that reason, I believe this alternative deserves proper consideration alongside the existing application.

I would respectfully ask the Council to look carefully at this proposal and support the option that offers the best balance of cost, practicality, and environmental responsibility.

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