

Residents letter

Planning Department
Newport City Council
Civic Centre
Newport
NP20 4UR

Re: Support for Outline Planning Application – Alternative Bridge Scheme at Forge Mews

I wish to express my support for the outline planning application submitted by John Blackwell for a replacement single-lane modular bridge at Forge Mews. This proposal offers several clear benefits:

It restores vehicle access to 19 homes at a fraction of the cost of the £11M scheme

It reuses existing structural supports, reducing environmental impact

It avoids works in the river and avoids ecological disturbance

It maintains pedestrian access throughout construction

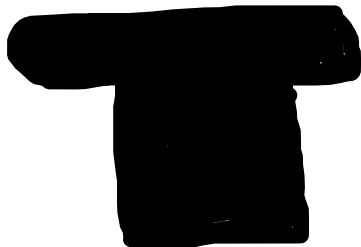
It can be delivered more quickly and with less disruption

It represents a sustainable and proportionate solution

Given the long-term severance experienced by residents since 2021, I believe this alternative deserves full and fair consideration.

I respectfully request that the Council assess this proposal alongside the existing application and ensure that the most cost-effective and environmentally responsible option is taken forward.

Yours faithfully,

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(7 Forge Mews, BISSAUGH, NEWPORT NP20 8NE)

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.

