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Planning Department
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Dear Sirs,

OUTLINE APPLICATION (APPROVAL SOUGHT FOR ACCESS AND LAYOUT) FOR REPAIRS AND PARTIAL REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING 26/0261 BRIDGE OVER RIVER EBBW TO FACILITATE SINGLE LANE TRAFFIC -

I wish to express my full support for the outline planning application submitted by John Blackwell (and endorsed by the Graig Community Council) for a replacement single-lane modular bridge at Forge Mews.

This proposal offers several clear benefits:

- 1) It restores vehicle access to 17 homes at a fraction of the cost of the £11M scheme
- 2) It reuses existing structural supports, reducing environmental impact
- 3) It avoids works in the river and avoids ecological disturbance
- 4) It maintains pedestrian access throughout construction and existing services
- 5) It can be delivered more quickly and with less disruption. Months not years.
- 6) It represents a sustainable and proportionate solution

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

I respectfully request that the Council assess this proposal since your communication states you are unable to fund the present application. NCC must ensure that the most cost-effective and environmentally responsible option is taken forward in a timely manner to relieve the ongoing inconvenience to the residents of Forge Mews.

Yours faithfully,

