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Hereford bypass

Dear colleague,

Monmouthshire County Council is pleased to support Herefordshire Council's application for funding to develop an Outline Business Case for the Hereford Bypass. The two key roads connecting South East Wales with the Marches and providing alternative travel towards northern Wales and northern England bypassing the often congested M5/M6 motorway are the A465 and A466/A4137/A49 corridor. Both of these routes pass through Hereford.

In this context Monmouthshire County Council notes that Hereford currently suffers from levels of traffic congestion normally only experienced in much larger urban areas. This not only places a constraint upon the local economy and growth in Hereford as well as causing the full range of problems associated with congestion in an urban area, but also negatively impacts on connectivity between Hereford, the Marches and south east Wales. On that basis we welcome the Hereford Bypass scheme and the improvements in journey times and journey time reliability it would bring.

Yours sincerely,

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