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## Date

##  August 2024

Dear Sir / madam:

## Your Ref

## My Ref

## B0153/A513/AM/01

# NEW CHETWYND BYPASS BRIDGE - REQUEST FOR A LETTER OF SUPPORT

I am writing to inform you that Staffordshire County Council is progressing the design and planning permission for a new bypass structure to Chetwynd Bridge to provide the following benefits to the local community:

* Removing the traffic restrictions on the A513 Croxall Road which will improve the speed and flow of traffic across both the local and national road network. This will help support local and national events at both the National Memorial Arboretum (NMA) and Catton Park.
* Alleviate the inconvenience of vehicles over 7.5 Tonnes from having to negotiate lengthy 20-mile diversion due to not being able to use the old bridge.
* Convert and preserve the historic grade II\* listed Chetwynd Bridge to a pedestrian bridge creating a feature link between the NMA and the Croxall Lakes Wildlife Reserve. It should be noted based on research Chetwynd Bridge is the largest surviving pre 1830 cast iron bridge in England and second largest in the world.
* Upgrade the public right of way passing under the old bridge to provide a better pedestrian link to the National Memorial Arboretum.
* Comply with carbon and bio-diversity enhancement targets or legislation by upgrading approximately 11 acres of adjacent farmland land which is prone to regular flooding for wildlife, nature and public recreation.

To secure both planning permission and central government funding for the new bridge we need your help. By completing the letter of support below and returning it to Staffordshire County Council, you will be providing the proof of support required to ensure delivery of the new bridge and associated works.

Yours faithfully,

Arek Majewski

Principal Project Manager

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Dear Arek,

**NEW CHETWYND BYPASS BRIDGE - LETTER OF SUPPORT**

I am writing this letter in support of Staffordshire County Councils proposed New Chetwynd Bypass Bridge Scheme on the A513 Croxall Road, between Alrewas and Elford. It is my view that the scheme will provide the following local and national benefits:

* Removing the traffic restrictions on the A513 Croxall Road which will improve the speed and flow of traffic across both the local and national road network. This will help support local and national events at both the National Memorial Arboretum (NMA) and Catton Park.
* Alleviate the inconvenience of vehicles over 7.5 Tonnes from having to negotiate lengthy 20-mile diversion due to not being able to use the old bridge.
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* Upgrade the public right of way passing under the old bridge to provide a better pedestrian link to the National Memorial Arboretum.
* Comply with carbon and bio-diversity enhancement targets or legislation by upgrading approximately 11 acres of adjacent farmland land which is prone to regular flooding for wildlife, nature and public recreation.

It is for the above reasons that I support in full the proposed development and hope you will take these points into consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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| Signed: |