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Dear Keith

### **Newgate Lane Southern Section - Planning Application**

Further to our recent discussion, I write to confirm the support of First Hampshire, Dorset & Berkshire for the above proposals.

Specifically, we are content with the on-carriageway bus stop provision as it allows our vehicles to effectively remain in the traffic flow rather than having to pull out of a layby. We generally only require bus stops to be provided in laybys at stops which are registered timing points, which would not apply to any of the stops in this proposal.

The other point we discussed was the routing of our bus services. In this regard we support routing along the new road rather than the old road. We believe it will improve our journey times and will allow for increased patronage from the Peel Common Estate in Bridgemary, to the east of the new road, while still allowing the majority of existing passengers access to the service with a minimal change in walking distance.

We would welcome continued discussion and involvement with you as the scheme progresses.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dervla Mc Kay".

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