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Secretary of State for Transport Tyneside House Skinnerburn Road Newcastle Business Park Newcastle upon Tyne NE4 7AR

Dear Sir

Banwell Bypass CPO Inquiry

I write in support of the new proposed Banwell Bypass

Thatchers Cider is a family business based in the village of Sandford (next door to the village of Banwell) and currently diverts inward and outward-bound traffic through Sandford to Churchill. If the bypass were to be built, this would allow all vehicles coming to and from site to have a more suitable route to the motorway.

The Banwell bypass will reduce traffic through the village of Banwell by 70% in its opening year. In removing this busy pinch point on the road network, it will greatly improve access between Weston-super-Mare and the A38 for both commercial and domestic vehicles.

Yours faithfully

Martin Thatcher

Managing Director