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**CALM welcomes new report on decarbonising transport in Wales**

The Campaign Against the Levels Motorway (CALM) welcomes today's Institute of Welsh Affairs report<sup>1</sup> by Chris Roberts which calls for a new approach to transport in Wales. As indicated by Shea Buckland-Jones of IWA: "The report is clear: Wales needs a radical new approach to transport"<sup>2</sup>.

CALM Chair Rob Hepworth said "Building the Black Route, or any other new roads in Wales that will encourage car use, contradicts the Environment (Wales) Act 2016, requiring us to reduce carbon emissions by at least 80% by 2050. The Welsh Government's contrived arithmetic – claiming that a new six-lane motorway around Newport will reduce overall carbon emissions – is deceitful. The 2008 Climate Change Strategy in Wales has failed to achieve any significant reductions. As today's report says, Wales needs a radical new approach to transport if it is to achieve its target. Most emissions come from the private car. The car deters people from using cleaner and greener alternatives: active travel and public transport. The Black Route has no place in 21st century Wales."

Dr Hugh Mackay of Cycling UK commented "At long last we have a report telling the plain truth about transport in Wales. We have become addicted to car travel. We cycle, walk or use public transport less than everywhere else in the UK and most of Europe. We are already missing our targets in Wales to reduce emissions which poison the air we breathe and destabilise our climate. The Welsh Government now has a chance to set a new 21st century standard for transport policy in Wales, by rejecting once and for all an expensive road project which is incompatible with sustainable transport, clean air, and environmental protection. The £2 billion saved could be used to create the infrastructure we need to regenerate public transport and to make active travel a reality."

Note to editors

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<sup>1</sup> *Decarbonising Transport in Wales, IWA, June 2018*

[http://www.iwa.wales/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/IWA\\_Decarbonising\\_Transport-1.pdf](http://www.iwa.wales/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/IWA_Decarbonising_Transport-1.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.iwa.wales/click/2018/06/re-energising-wales-decarbonising-transport-wales/>