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DECISION TO HALT THE M4 BLACK ROUTE 4 JUNE 2019

STATEMENT BY THE JOINT CHAIRS OF THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE LEVELS MOTORWAY (CALM)

Catherine Linstrum and Robert Hepworth said this afternoon:

“ CALM and its members are delighted with today’s decision by the Welsh Government. We congratulate Mark Drakeford for his wisdom and political courage. He has stood by his principles and refused to be swayed by the short-term interests of the road lobby who wanted to spend over £2 billion of taxpayers money on an M4 relief road.

“ This decision represents a major turning-point for Wales and hopefully for the rest of the UK as we face interlocking emergencies for climate and wildlife. It shows Government has listened both to scientific arguments and widely held public opposition to the motorway. At last the case for protecting the irreplaceable wildlife and landscape of the Gwent Levels has been understood. Speaking truth to power can work.

“ CALM and its members wholeheartedly support today’s decision by the First Minister and the Welsh Government. It respects our unique Wellbeing Act in Wales. We hope it might be followed by creating stronger protected status for the Gwent Levels so that these damaging and outdated motorway proposals will never be revived. We will strongly support the First Minister as he moves forward with his plans to improve traffic management, public transport and facilities for cycling and walking in the Newport area and beyond. This is how we can genuinely improve the quality of life for all “

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