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To whom it may concern

Re: Construction of Meredith River pedestrian and cycling bridge

As permanent residents and GPs in Swansea for 16 years we fully and enthusiastically support the construction of a pedestrian bridge to reliably connect the communities of Dolphin Sands to the town of Swansea. A bridge will allow people to travel to and from the two communities easily and safely without the use of a vehicle. This is both beneficial to resident/tourist's general health and well-being as well as to the environment as it will reduce unnecessary driving between the two.

The benefits to the health of the local residents cannot be understated. There is overwhelming evidence showing the benefits of regular exercise including reducing the risk of heart attack, diabetes, osteoporosis and even depression. People of all ages will walk and ride bikes if they are provided with safe and interesting places to do so. At present it is too dangerous to ride from Swansea to Dolphin Sands and vice versa. There is no bike or walking track and the highway has no shoulder to keep bike riders safe. A bridge would create an opportunity for residents and tourists to get exercise while enjoying the pristine region.

Connecting Dolphin Sands to Swansea with a pedestrian track will allow residents and tourists to travel by foot to restaurants and bars. These businesses rely heavily on the tourist trade and there are many members of the Dolphin Sands population who would choose to wine and dine in Swansea but are required to stay at home to avoid drink-driving.

Dolphin Sands is a virtually untouched natural environment and reducing traffic and will help maintain the solitude, peace and quiet of the community. A linking bridge would be another attraction for visitors to the area as it would offer interesting walks and rides in the region and help to support local businesses and tourism.

Your sincerely


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