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FAO : The Casework Manager, National Transport Casework Team.

Dear Sir / Madam,

The Secretary of State,

Newcastle upon Tyne,

Tyneside House.

NE4 7AR.

Department for Transport,

## **OBJECTION to TOLL APPLICATION made by**

## THE BOURNEMOUTH – SWANAGE MOTOR ROAD & FERRY COMPANY

It is noted that the above-mentioned toll application has been made and that it involves a substantial increase to the currently authorised toll charges.

It is considered that the rural communities would be adversely affected if speedy access to the facilities of Poole and Bournemouth (eg hospital services) became too expensive to allow such communities to flourish. It is also noted that the application refers to 'community involvement' and a phased introduction of the very large percentage increases.

It is now stressed that the corona virus pandemic has occurred after the above mentioned application was made. Therefore, it is probable that the affected rural communities affected (that ensure Purbeck can flourish) will be even more adversely affected than was the case.

In view of the above, I am instructed to object to the current application for an increase in toll charges, unless a further public inquiry is held to ensure that all relevant factors have been taken into account – not least the "public interest" in maintaining the quality of life and living in rural England.

Yours faithfully,

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