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Second Severn Crossing

I am writing to seek approval of Her Majesty for the Second Severn Crossing (the M4 bridge over the Severn Estuary) to be named 'The Prince of Wales Bridge'.

I have long been of the opinion that the title of 'Second Severn Crossing' is not fitting for the main gateway to Wales from the South West. The Crossings are vital pieces of the UK's infrastructure and together have united the people of Wales and England for 50 years. In January this year both Severn River Crossings returned to public ownership as the previous operating concession ended.

This year the Prince of Wales is celebrating 50 years since the title was bestowed on him by Her Majesty the Queen. To mark this occasion the UK Government intends to rename the Second Severn Crossing the 'Prince of Wales Bridge' in honour of the significant contribution that the Prince of Wales has made to our nation.

This proposal has been approved by the Prime Minister and the First Minister of Wales. We have consulted with the Prince of Wales and understand that he is content with this proposal.

I would like to make a favourable recommendation to The Queen in this matter. I should therefore be grateful to know if Her Majesty is content for the 'Second Severn Crossing' to be renamed 'The Prince of Wales Bridge'.

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