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The Rt Hon Grant Shapps MP  
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Dear Grant

I am writing to you in support of the bid to reinstate the rail line between Beverley and York. This is a project I have supported for several years, having called for the reopening as part of a suite of projects that could be advanced instead of HS2.

After leaving Hull Paragon Interchange, the route would stop at Cottingham Station in my constituency before continuing onto Beverley and then York.

As such, my constituents would benefit from better east-west connectivity with shorter and more frequent journey times to York for business, leisure and tourism, and easier access to historic market towns in the Yorkshire Wolds. They would also benefit from increased services into Hull city centre.

As well as boosting tourism along the route, it would open up more job opportunities for my constituents and increase access to education and health services by linking together the two vibrant cities of Hull and York.

The reopening of the line would contribute to work that is underway to bring down the Humber region's carbon emissions and turn it into a hub for low-carbon technologies, by reducing the number of people travelling by car along the A1079 and by fostering the knowledge-sharing and expertise in green innovations that would come with linking together the two universities.



I look forward to seeing this project progress and hope this letter demonstrates the support that exists for this proposal.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Davis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D' and 'D'.

Rt. Hon. David Davis MP

cc. Restoring Your Railway Team, Department for Transport