



Dame Diana Johnson DBE

Labour MP for Kingston upon Hull North

House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA

Telephone: 01482 319135 / 0207 219 5647

Email: johnsond@parliament.uk

Website: www.dianajohnson.co.uk

Restoring Your Railway Team,
Department for Transport,
33 Horseferry Rd,
London,
SW1P 4DR

2 March 2021

To whom it may concern,

As Member of Parliament for Hull North, I am pleased to lend my support to this bid to reinstate the rail line between Beverley and York.

As the line would branch off the existing Hull-Scarborough line, it would also serve Cottingham Station and Hull Paragon Interchange, which flank my constituency. 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 beautiful historic market towns in the Yorkshire Wolds.

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 university cities of Hull and York.

It would also 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 I hope that this supporting letter is useful in demonstrating the cross-party support that exists for this proposal.

Yours sincerely,

Dame Diana Johnson DBE
MP for Kingston upon Hull North