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To whom it may concern,

I am writing today as Leader of East Riding of Yorkshire Council to outline the council's support of the proposal to reinstate the rail line running from Beverley to York.

Restoring this stretch of line would bring with it several benefits – from cutting harmful emissions of carbon dioxide and nitrogen oxides, to easing congestion along the A1079. It would bring with it job opportunities, a boost to tourism and the potential to unlock housing in line with the Government's £20 billion commitment announced in last year's spending review.

We have lent our assistance to this project on several occasions in the past, including by commissioning a feasibility study carried out by Carl Bro in 2005, and more recently by acting as a joint-lead promoter for this proposal in the second round of funding for the Restoring Your Railway Fund last year.

The proposal has also attracted widespread and cross-party political support over the years, with Hull City Council and City of York Council supporting previous bids along with several Members of Parliament along the route: Graham Stuart MP, Rt Hon. Dame Diana Johnson MP, Rt Hon. David Davis MP, Julian Sturdy MP and Rachael Maskell MP.

We are supporting this current bid with economic, social and geographic data where helpful, and we would be prepared to support the proposal in the event of its success at this stage, including exploring the possibility of financial support in conjunction with the other local authorities along the line of route.

I look forward to watching the proposal's progress, and I hope my letter of support will help as you consider its merits.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C. Burton', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

**Councillor Richard Burton**  
**Leader of the Council**