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To whom it may concern,

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

After leaving Beverley, the line would stop at Cottingham before terminating at Hull Paragon Interchange, which is in 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.

The line would contribute to the region's green credentials, by reducing the number of people travelling by car along the A1079. It would also demonstrate the Government's commitment to 'levelling up' great cities like Hull by providing better connectivity and could tie into the potential for electrification of lines to Hull, which is proposed in one of the schemes included in last year's Rail Needs Assessment for the Midlands and the North.

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 faithfully,

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