

Restoring Your Railway,
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To whom it may concern,

I'm writing today to put forward my strong support and sponsorship of the proposal to reinstate the Beverley-York rail line.

The route, branching off the existing Hull-Scarborough line, would stop at historic Yorkshire towns Market Weighton, Pocklington and Stamford Bridge after leaving Beverley. It would also make use of a new station in Haxby, which was granted funding last year, before arriving in York.

Its reinstatement would not only connect these historic market towns to the national rail network – thereby boosting tourism and unlocking the potential for housing growth – but it would join together two thriving university towns and create a much more cohesive economic region.

Rebuilding this rail link, as opposed to utilising existing road links with a bus service, would significantly cut journey times when compared against using the A1079 – which is single carriageway for much of the route and carries a high proportion of HGV traffic (up to 20% at times according to the Humber LEP's 2018 transport plan).

Furthermore, it would carry with it several additional benefits including improving capacity and resilience issues on the existing westerly routes out of Hull, via Selby and via Goole. Both are at risk of tidal flooding and both cross swing bridges. It would also cut harmful emissions, which would tie into the great strides being made to decarbonise the Humber as it becomes a hub for innovation in fields like offshore wind, carbon capture and hydrogen-generated electricity.

Although it isn't without its challenges, like any ambitious project, supporting this would be an excellent opportunity for the Government to showcase its commitment to the North as we look to Build Back Better from the Covid-19 pandemic – providing better connectivity between two great cities, stimulating investment, boosting opportunity, creating skilled jobs and unlocking housing.

Yours ever,



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