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To Whom it May Concern

I am writing today as Leader of Hull City Council to outline the Council's support for a feasibility study to examine the benefits of reinstating the rail line running from Beverley to York, which would branch off the existing Hull to Scarborough line and provide vital east-west connectivity.

The line would provide added capacity and resilience to existing lines out of Hull, which are vulnerable to tidal flooding, as well as delays caused by maintenance issues with swing bridges. With this extra capacity, it would allow additional services to run out of Hull to the south and west.

Investing in this line would show the 1 million people living in the Humber region that the Government is committed to levelling up cities like Hull, particularly in light of the recent Rail Needs Assessment prioritising investment in HS2 over other projects like Northern Powerhouse Rail. Improvements to rail links are crucial to the connectivity and economy of Hull, as outlined by my Deputy Leader, Councillor Daren Hale, in a recent letter to the Secretary of State for Transport.

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

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

Yours sincerely



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Leader of the Council

