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To whom it may concern

Re-opening of the Carlisle Waverley Viaduct

I write to support the Carlisle Waverley Viaduct Trust (CWVT) in their mission to see the viaduct re-opened for public use.

The implications for us as a school would be tangible. It would provide easy walking access to two nature reserves on the opposite side of the river which would support our curriculum. Being able to walk to these areas would be in keeping with our drive for delivering memorable learning experiences in the outdoors through high quality visits.

We presently study our locality through a focus on the Victorian Period. The potential for the railway heritage of the area being accessible and used by our children for their learning is significant, and would enhance the topics that we teach. Something that is so close to our school, if fully accessible, could be a tremendous resource. It is a part of our local history that the children really could and should know more about through first hand experiential learning.

We are in very close proximity to the path of the Roman Wall, and being able to explore this area more fully would bring this home to our pupils.

There is also a positive impact on our pupils, their families, and even staff who could use this area for recreation and well-being through cycling, running, and walking in the area, not to mention easier sustainable transport links with the North of the City.

In conclusion, I hope that the re-opening of the Waverley Viaduct can become a reality for the benefit of the pupils at our school.

Yours sincerely

Mr. Andrew Cairns
Headteacher