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To whom it may concern,

We are writing in support of the bid by Carlisle Waverley Viaduct Trust to reopen the Waverley Viaduct for walking and create a cycle route linking west and north Carlisle.

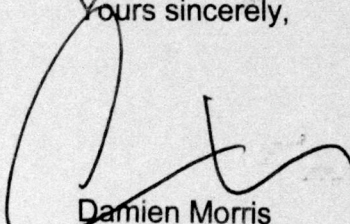
The viaduct will provide a much needed walking and cycling route over the River Eden, as there are no crossings of the river between the western bypass and Eden Bridge, both of which are used by motor vehicles and so are not attractive routes currently.

The recent construction and opening of a bridge built exclusively for active modes of travel (walking, cycling and people with limited mobility) between Currock and Denton Holme, has transformed the movement of people between these two suburbs of Carlisle and encouraged more people to walk and cycle short journeys.

The Waverley crossing will complement the existing traffic free bridge over the River Eden to the east of Eden Bridge that links Stony Holme, St Aidans and Warwick Road with Rickerby Park, Rickerby, Linstock and Brampton Road area. This is currently the ONLY traffic free bridge over the River Eden in Carlisle, and was constructed nearly a century ago.

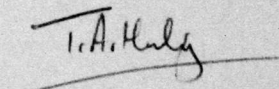
It is difficult to overstate the benefits that will result from reinstating a route over the Waverley Viaduct. The viaduct will link the communities in west and north Carlisle in which thousands of residents live, and so will dramatically increase walking and cycling in the west of Carlisle both for transport and recreation. This will help reduce car use in Carlisle, and the problems that the city has to put up with on a daily basis namely congestion, pollution, noise and danger to other road users.

Yours sincerely,



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