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C/O: Secretary to the Group
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The Secretary
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Dear Carlisle Waverley Viaduct Trust,

I am writing in support of the project to reopen the Waverley Viaduct for cycling and walking, to create a route linking the north and south side of the River Eden on the west side of Carlisle.

The benefits of reopening the viaduct for walking, and creating a cycle route for the first time will be immense. The viaduct will be a much shorter crossing of the river for thousands of city residents than the nearest alternative via Eden Bridge, and being an off road route will be much more attractive.

Creating a new traffic free crossing of the River Eden will encourage more people to use environmentally friendly and active means to travel between north and south Carlisle, and by doing so will reduce journeys by car and the associated congestion, noise and pollution on the main roads.

The crossing will link nature reserves on each side of the river, namely Engine Lonning on the south side and Kingmoor on the north side. It will also open up a cycling and walking route between Crindledyke and Newtown with only two road crossings.

I understand that more than £300,000 has been spent by Highways England on repairs to the structure. In order to make that money well spent and get the viaduct to “pay its way” it should be open to the public. It is poor that Carlisle currently only has one traffic free bridge, therefore a second one (which already exists) is a must.

Yours sincerely,

Sally

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On behalf of The Friends of Hammonds Pond