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Guided Heritage Tours

8th December 2017

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to state my support for the Waverley Viaduct project to re-open this important historic structure. There are a number of reasons why I believe the viaduct should be re-opened. I have stated these below:

On a professional level I have recently set up a small tourist business offering heritage tours of the Solway. I can see that the re-opening of the Waverley viaduct increases Carlisle's tourist offer in a number of different ways. Firstly by connecting two splendid long distance cycle routes (the Glasgow to Carlisle and the Hadrian's wall route) and secondly by providing an extension and connective footpath for local guides who offer historic walking tours. As I develop my own range of tours I plan to include one which focuses on the industrial heritage of Carlisle. The re-opening of the Waverley viaduct would bring to life a fascinating aspect of the city's industrial past.

On a personal level, I am a cyclist – although not a very confident one. I find busy roads traumatic to cycle on. The re-opening of the viaduct increases the amount of safer cycling routes around Carlisle. This is something that I personally will value highly and I suspect that many other less confident cyclists and families will, like myself be encouraged to get out more and exercise more regularly because of this opportunity. There is no doubt in my mind that re-opening the Waverley viaduct will offer health benefits for the people of Carlisle by encouraging increased exercise.

For these reasons I fully support the re-opening of the Waverley viaduct.

With kind regards,

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