

7<sup>th</sup> December 2017

To whom it may concern

Dear Sir / Madam

Re: Support for Carlisle Waverley Viaduct

On behalf of Active Cumbria, I am delighted to provide my full support for the Carlisle Waverley Viaduct Trust and their application to secure investment for their plans and developments for the Waverley Viaduct.

Active Cumbria is aware of the great work undertaken by the Trust and recognises its contribution and efforts to re-open this much needed historic facility.

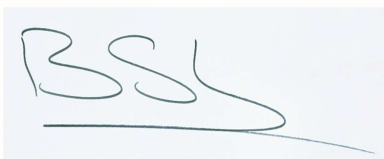
As the strategic lead agency in Cumbria for physical activity, we are very keen to see the re-opening of the viaduct to help encourage greater access and improved opportunities for the local community to walk, run and cycle in the area. Presently, 25.23% (22,500) of the Carlisle adult population are inactive. I believe that this development would help to reduce this figure as significant benefits would be gained for both commuting and recreational access and use as this would be one of few traffic free routes between north and south banks of the river.

The location of the viaduct also lends itself ideally to improve the access for Carlisle visitors who may be using the Hadrian's Wall Trail and Cumbria Way.

The proposed additional path / cycle way improvements proposed should also ensure that this location becomes and attractive and well used area for open, active recreation.

If you need any further information regarding our support for the Trust please feel free to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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