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Dear Sir/Madam,

**The Proposed Northumberland Line Order**

I am writing to express my full support for the application by Northumberland County Council for the above-mentioned order.

I believe that the connectivity provided by the Northumberland Line will bring huge economic and social opportunities to residents, commuters, visitors and businesses in the area and further afield. The opportunity to travel reliably and quickly into Newcastle and Tyneside for work and education will be of huge benefit; particularly for those without access to a car, and offer greater opportunities for making longer distance connections with direct access into Newcastle Central.

With increased connectivity, it will also make the area attractive for potential residents and potential employers who may locate there and bring much welcome investment, while also opening the area to tourism opportunities.

Such a link would also allow for a real alternative to car travel, which would reduce congestion and improve air quality, while also making a substantial contribution to meeting climate change targets.

The proposed Northumberland Line Order is vital to secure the delivery of the scheme and I hope that the Secretary of State will make the Order to enable the scheme to go ahead as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Ryan Hogg,