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Dear Sir/Madam

The Proposed Northumberland Line Order

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

In particular, the line will deliver the following significant benefits:

- significantly improve connectivity between areas of under employment and growing labour market areas
- Assist with the regeneration of Ashington town centre
- Support inward investment (especially in the growing renewables sector)
- Relieve pressure on the road network
- Improve strategic transport infrastructure to benefit access to education facilities, boost tourism and improve labour market flexibility in an area currently underserved by reliable public transport networks

Yours faithfully,

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