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Transpennine Route Upgrade

To whom it may concern:

Huddersfield Unlimited promotes the economic wellbeing of the town of Huddersfield and the interests of its businesses, investors and diverse communities. We have been and remain supportive of the full works to implement the Transpennine Route Upgrade.

The TRU investment is critical for the future prosperity of the North, and that is particularly true for Huddersfield, positioned as it is at the centre of the region's primary east-west transport infrastructure. The sheer scale and complexity of the TRU works over a long construction programme are bound to cause some disruption, but we have been impressed by the way in which they have been, and continue to be, carried forward.

Recent works to the station and adjacent road bridge in Huddersfield involving the temporary closure of the station demonstrate how well the TRU team are able to operate in their delivery of the upgrade. There is consequently a surprising degree of public acceptance of the short term inconvenience that people have experienced.

We therefore support the TRU work in our locality, as well as regional benefit of the full project, continuing on plan. We look forward to the complete delivery of TRU actions over the next few years so that local residents and businesses can reap the benefits of better connectivity across the North of England.

Yours faithfully

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