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Minister of State for Rail  
Department of Transport  
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By Email

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Dear Chris

**REOPENING OF BEESTON AND TARPORLEY RAILWAY STATION**

I am pleased to be the parliamentary sponsor of this application, which seeks funding from the Department for Transport's Restoring Your Railway Ideas Fund to assist in the preparation of a full business case and outline design to support the reopening of Beeston Castle and Tarporley Station in my constituency of Eddisbury.

I believe reopening the station would:

- Provide the infrastructure required to support the significant and continuing increase in local housing provision
- Support economic and job growth by connecting Tarporley to the employment centres of Manchester, Chester, Liverpool, and Stoke
- Improve strategic connectivity by providing mid-Cheshire with single-mode access into the national rail network, including HS2
- Boost local economic growth by providing quality public transport access for those wishing to visit mid-Cheshire's tourist attractions
- Support local connectivity by reducing demand on the chronically congested A51
- Deliver a lower carbon, environmentally sustainable transport alternative for the people of Mid-Cheshire
- Deliver wider social benefits by ensuring that, despite the greater density of population, residents continue to enjoy a good quality of

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life and that the area remains an attractive place to live, work, and play

We are seeking a DfT contribution of £49,500, and intend to secure funds of £16,500 locally. The Cheshire & Warrington Local Enterprise Partnership is supportive of this application, and content to fund a share of the local element on a matched basis with the Cheshire East and Cheshire West & Chester unitary authorities.

Support for the project at the community level is overwhelming. There is currently no opposition from any community group, local political party, parish council, or individual local politician. Although the project has been widely discussed over many years, no adverse feeling has ever surfaced or been voiced.

I would like to thank you and your colleagues in advance for your careful consideration of this worthwhile project, and hope that we will be able to work closely together with your Department on the next phase of improving public transport for the rural communities of Mid Cheshire.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Edward Timpson". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

**Edward Timpson CBE**