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Committee

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Hon. Secretary
Lichfield Rail Promotion Group

Dear Sir,

Re-Opening to Railway Passenger Services, Lichfield to Burton

Our Association serves to promote tourism and the tourism businesses of Lichfield, together with the neighbouring areas. A significant proportion, if not all, of our members depend to some extent on visitors travelling to the area and increasing visitor spend.

It is of course also self-evident that the availability of public transport is vital in this respect. Moreover, suitable facilities also enable local citizens to travel conveniently, and enable people working in the District, and the City in particular, to travel from home without having to use the local road network, including the appalling and dangerously overloaded A38.

We are aware of recent media coverage concerning consideration being given to the re-opening to passenger services of the railway line between Lichfield Trent Valley and Burton-on-Trent – and perhaps later, to Derby. In addition, the significance of a proposed station at Alrewas is of the utmost importance to one of our Members, the National Memorial Arboretum, who are experiencing a vast increase in visitor numbers to their nationally important centre.

In view of the LRPГ's acknowledged long-term support for these proposals, and the Group's engagement with the relevant technical and political bodies involved, our Association wishes to express its support from a tourism perspective.

If there is anything further we can do in this matter, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Yours sincerely,

Sue Khan
Secretary LDТА