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For the attention of Phil Edge
Chair of the Langport Transport Group

Date : 12th November 2021

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Dear Mr Edge

Expression of support for the Langport Restore Your Railway Project

South Somerset District Council recognises the benefits that a new station can bring to the communities of Langport, Somerton and the surrounding area. As such it has contributed £7,500 community grant to the Langport Transport Group to develop the Strategic Outline Business Case (SOBC).

The South Somerset District Council Environment Strategy (2019) sets out our vision to be a leading Council in developing and adopting a Green Agenda to promote sustainable environment, economy and communities. Reducing emissions from transport and facilitating non-motor vehicle modes of transport are identified as priority outcomes in the strategy and align with the Langport Restore Your Railway ambition for a new station on the Great Western Line between London Paddington and the South West of England.

In regard to future financial commitment to develop a new station in the Langport/Somerton area, whilst the Council would wish to consider this further through future financial plans and Council Plan priorities, the Local Government Reorganisation process means the Council is currently unable to commit to making such a financial commitment.

We are hopeful that that Strategic Outline Business Case will enable the project to progress to the next stage, and should this prove successful, it will be for the new unitary council to consider future financial contributions for a new station.

Yours sincerely

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