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Dear Mr Latham,

We would like to offer our support for your group's initiative to create a new cycleway along the Derwent Valley. CTC believes that off-road routes can provide both useful commuter routes, family-friendly rides as well as options for non-standard cycles and wheelchair users.

In this case, the proposed route has daily advantages for commuters particularly between Belper and Derby. Increasing active travel has been a key recommendation by Public Health England in order to cut obesity, congestion and other costs to the National Health Service. The opening of the Derby Velodrome Arena in January 2015 can help with this – and the Derwent Valley route provides a way of reaching this new facility for those travelling from the north of Derby.

The proposed route could also provide a link to the existing High Peak Trail (National Cycle Network Route 54) as well as the proposed White Peak loop, which is currently out for consultation. This would allow for more long-distance cycle touring, which could attract extra tourist revenues to the area. There is added potential to boost tourism revenues arising from the Derwent Valley Mills – a recognised World Heritage Site.

Yours sincerely,

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