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Fao Derek Latham  
Chair of Derwent Valley Cycleway  
Steering Group

### **Letter of Support**

I am writing to express our support to the principle of the Derwent Valley Cycleway linking Matlock to the Derby Velodrome. A multi-user route along the valley is likely to provide better access to, and awareness of the river, and the role it plays in contributing to a healthy environment. We see this as a great opportunity to work with the Steering Group to identify environmental benefits for water quality, biodiversity and flood risk management as an integral part of the project development.

I understand that Swati Nettleship attended a recent meeting of the Steering Group and made the group aware of the need to take account of Environment Agency operational requirements, as well as discussing ideas on how benefits for the environment could be achieved. We would welcome the opportunity to be involved in the project as it develops, and wish the group every success in obtaining funding.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "MR Haslam".

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