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Dear Mr Melia

New Railway Station At Killingworth

I'm writing to let you know SENRUG is today launching its campaign for a new station to be built at Killingworth, on the East Coast Main Line, to be served by local services running between Newcastle and Morpeth.

Details of the campaign can be found on our website and the text is also attached.

SENRUG is the South East Northumberland Rail User Group, a voluntary group that campaigns for better rail services in this area both for existing and potential passengers. By 'potential', SENRUG means those who would use rail services if only the trains went where they want to go, at the time they want to go, at a price they can afford, and in a clean, safe, secure, accessible and easy to understand manner.

Whilst Killingworth is outside of Northumberland, our campaign activities include the Newcastle – Morpeth line, and we believe the case for increasing service frequency and facilities on the line is enhanced if more people use it, as would occur if a station at Killingworth were built.

SENRUG has already been successful in securing a commitment to an evening and Sunday service on the line (to be introduced as part of the next franchise), we have successfully campaigned for both platform lifts and CIS screens at Morpeth, and CIS screens will be installed at Cramlington in the near future. Our campaign to re-open the Newcastle – Ashington line has now been adopted by Better Transport as their number 1 national priority. We are a highly respected campaign group with an increasing national profile. We believe that with appropriate backing and leadership from North Tyneside Council, our campaign for a new station at Killingworth has every chance of success.

SENRUG estimates a new station at Killingworth would cost in the region of £10m. The DfT has a New Station fund the Council could access, and there is the possibility of European and Section 106 funds as well.

We hope North Tyneside will strongly support and indeed steer this campaign through the Network Rail process and SENRUG is available to work closely with and support the Council to achieve this objective.

I would be grateful if you would let me know whether the Council will indeed make this one of its objectives.

Kindest Regards

Dennis Fancett

Chair, SENRUG: The South East Northumberland Rail User Group

Campaigning for better rail services in South East Northumberland

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Re-open the Ashington Blyth & Tyne Line:

Hirst Park Middle School in Ashington won SENRUG's Schools' competition to create a 7-10 minute DVD setting out their reasons for re-opening the line. See their winning DVD here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FThHXmIO6S0&list=UUhvolzTGcXIU-o62euglwSg>