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Edward Timpson CBE MP
cc: Michael Flynn, Beeston and Tarporley Station
Reopening Group

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Dear Edward,

Restoring Your Railway Ideas Fund – New station at Beeston Castle and Tarporley, Crewe – Chester (Reinstating Beeston Castle and Tarporley railway station)

Thank you for your application to the second round of the Restoring Your Railway Ideas Fund. The scheme has continued to generate a high level of interest, with 51 applications received for this round.

All applications have now been evaluated and reviewed by the Restoring Your Railway Ideas Fund Panel, which I chaired. The panel comprised Simon Clarke, Minister for Local Government and Regional Growth, Jackie Sadek, CEO UK Regeneration, Isabel Dedring, Former London Deputy Mayor for Transport and Sir Peter Hendy, Chair of Network Rail.

I am pleased to confirm that your application has been approved and is currently on track to progress to the next stage of the Restoring Your Railway process.

There will be additional work to complete to specify the details of the work, the funding required and how progress should be reported. This will then lead to a formal agreement. Please do not take any action that could incur costs before this. I have asked my officials to work with Michael Flynn at the Beeston and Tarporley Station Reopening Group in the coming weeks to agree scope and appropriate joint governance and timescales. We will also be holding a launch event in the coming weeks to take you through what we are looking for and how the process works for making the case to progress schemes.

We are announcing the successful bids today (25 November). I know this will be welcome news and would be grateful if you could share this information with your constituents and other stakeholders after the announcement has been made. I will be tweeting the news using the campaign hashtag the #RestoringYourRailway and I look forward to engaging with you online.

Congratulations on progressing to the next stage. My officials and I very much look forward to working with you.

If you have any questions, please contact Tina Odedra at tina.odedra@dft.gov.uk or alternatively you can email the Restoring your Railway Team at restoringyourrailway@dft.gov.uk

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Chris Heaton-Harris MP

Minister of State for Transport

