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Dear Justine

As I believe you are aware, Ilkeston, in Jessica Lee's seat of Erewash, lies on the border of my constituency of Broxtowe. Indeed Ilkeston lies closer to Nottingham than Derby and as such is part of the Nottingham Urban area. The former Ilkeston Junction which closed in the late 1960's was known as Ilkeston and Cossall Junction – Cossall is a village in my constituency.

A railway station at Ilkeston would have considerable benefit to people living in my constituency. In particular, it would serve the people of Trowell which abuts Ilkeston as well as the town of Stapleford and even Kimberley. Any improvement in public transport would mean fewer cars on the heavily congested roads on the western side of my constituency.

Broxtowe Borough Council has a target of building just under 6,000 new houses and most will be built in the western and northern parts of my constituency. Indeed a planned green belt development at Field Farm, Stapleford, on the last remaining land between the town and Trowell is being strongly resisted because, inter alia, of the profound effect on our existing and congested roads in the area. Furthermore, there is considerable concern, amounting amongst many to opposition, to any significant development of the Stanton works near Ilkeston because of the effect on those same roads.

Therefore, in short, I fully support Jessica's considerable efforts to re-open a railway station at Ilkeston. It would truly serve a substantial population if it could also link Ilkeston to Nottingham; in any event, I have no doubt that the line will lead to a substantial reduction in existing car usage and would mitigate the effect of building new homes in both Broxtowe and Erewash.

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