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Dear Secretary of State

Chiltern Railways – New Oxford to London Rail Link – Project Evergreen 3

AVA is a public private partnership that seeks to unlock the housing, employment and infrastructure potential of Aylesbury Vale within Buckinghamshire. In the recent past AVA has been instrumental in facilitating the early completion of the Aylesbury Vale Parkway Station and in promoting a start on site for the adjacent 3000 home Berryfields development that commenced in July this year.

Among AVA's highest priorities is the East West Rail proposal that seeks to significantly improve passenger transport routes on both north-south and east-west axes. In the case of the Vale this would mean passenger rail travel north, particularly to the Midlands and North West, opening up new economic development potential. It would also connect to immediate neighbours at Oxford and Milton Keynes allowing access by alternative means to the motor car reducing congestion and promoting greater efficiency of movement.

AVA supports the Chiltern Railways new Oxford to London Rail link, known as Evergreen 3, as an advantageous step towards delivery of a wider strategic network. The Evergreen 3 proposal has made provision for the future implementation of East West Rail and would considerably reduce the capital costs of its implementation. In our view a successful determination of the Evergreen 3 TWA application would increase the prospect of East West Rail trains becoming operational by 2017 bringing wider benefits to local businesses and residents.

Yours sincerely

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