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The Rt Hon Chris Grayling MP
The Secretary of State for Transport
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Ref Midland Mero Alliance Wednesbury to Brierley Hill Extension

Dear Mr Grayling

I write to confirm Dudley College of Technology's support for the proposed Wednesbury to Brierley Hill Metro extension and the wider investment across the Black Country and West Midlands Region. It is a long overdue addition to a key transport service in the Black Country, which will help manage congestion in the area, improve access to Dudley and Brierley Hill towns, and pay a major role in improving the mobility of the communities it serves.

As a leading Further Education provider in the area we believe the increased connectivity will have major benefits in terms of student mobility and the increased investment of businesses in skills.

We also anticipate this will significantly boost the leisure economy in the local area and have an impact on the major visitor attractions in the local area, including the Black Country Living Museum and Dudley Zoo.

The connectivity it will give to major national rail links and the new HS2 line is an important factor in supporting much needed economic growth and will lead to increased investment and regeneration in Dudley Town and the wider borough.

Yours faithfully

Lowell Williams
Chief Executive Officer, Dudley College of Technology /
Chair of the Board of Dudley Academies Trust



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