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To whom it may concern

Pennine Lancashire Local Enterprise Partnership

I am writing to express my full support for a Pennine Lancashire Local Enterprise Partnership. As far as I am concerned Pennine Lancashire, with its strong industrial and economic heritage, is perfectly placed to pursue an LEP.

A more democratic RDA would have been the best way forward but they have gone. Now we have an LEP the best solution is one defined by East Lancashire where co-operation partnership working is well established and where there are common issues and a shared understanding of the priorities.

An East Lancashire LEP provides for more accountability, more localism, more focus and a consensus that should make it a far more effective organisation than a wider County Council one.

The people of East Lancashire are united in their objectives and the MAA is testimony to pioneering partnership working. East Lancashire is the only way forward for action on jobs, investment and infrastructure.

The formation of an LEP will be wholly beneficial for the region's future economic prosperity and will pave the way for greater access to funding in the future.

Best wishes

Yours sincerely

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