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Dear Richard,

COMMUNITY RAIL LANCASHIRE ACCREDITATION

I am delighted to confirm the reaccreditation of Community Rail Lancashire today by the Department for Transport (DfT).

Accreditation is formal recognition by the DfT that a community rail partnership (CRP) operates to a high standard and that its objectives and activities are supported by Government.

Accreditation should provide assurance to others, including potential funders and partners, that the CRP operates to high standards of governance and financial propriety; adopts a collaborative approach; is worthy of trust by others; and is a suitable entity for receiving public funds. Further Government considers it a good representative of the local community.

I wish to draw your attention to the following:

- Renewal of accreditation should take place every 12 months.
- Accreditation is at the discretion of the DfT and can be removed at any time should the CRP fail to follow the Community Rail Accreditation Guidance.

- The DfT is not a party to any contracts entered into by the CRP who remain an independent organisation. As such the DfT will not underwrite any contractual liabilities incurred by CRP.
- As an accredited CRP you will gain access to the Community Rail Development Fund (CRDF). This fund will be administered by Community Rail Network on behalf of the DfT and each grant requires a separate application to be made by the CRP which shall be judged on its own merits. Please contact Community Rail Network for further details.
- You are required to display the accreditation mark logo on your website and any annual reports/major publications. Please contact Community Rail Network for an electronic copy of this logo.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Adedoyin Ayoola', written in a cursive style.

Adedoyin Ayoola