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Subject Re: Metrolink Extension to Stockport – The Case for a Route Through Cheadle

Dear Mayor Burnham,

I hope you are well.

Following the Government's announcement of £2.5 billion in new transport funding for Greater Manchester – including plans to extend the Metrolink to Stockport town centre – I wanted to write to set out the strong case for ensuring the new line includes a stop in Cheadle.

Cheadle is a dynamic and growing community that is currently underserved by public transport. Extending the Metrolink through Cheadle would not only improve local connectivity but also deliver meaningful, long-term benefits for the wider borough and city region.

As you know, plans for a new rail station in Cheadle, which has secured Government backing, are already progressing. Aligning the Metrolink route with this new station would create a genuine transport interchange in the heart of our community—boosting usage, cutting congestion, and making sustainable travel more viable for thousands of residents.

A route through Cheadle would:

- Connect key employment, residential and retail areas, including Cheadle, Cheadle Heath and Adswold;
- Support investment into the area and help revitalise our high streets and local centres;
- Reduce traffic on major roads such as the A34, Manchester Road and surrounding routes;
- Integrate with the new Cheadle rail station, delivering a joined-up network for the future.

This is a major opportunity to deliver real, lasting change. With the right route, the Metrolink extension can unlock jobs, drive growth, and transform how people get around in and out of Cheadle and the wider Stockport area.

I would welcome the opportunity to meet and discuss this further and look forward to working with you to ensure this investment benefits every part of our borough.

Yours sincerely,

Tom Morrison
Member of Parliament for Cheadle