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**Sport England 'Inspired Facilities' funding bid –
Steven Burke Sports Hub, Pendle, Lancashire.**

Dear Sir/Madam,

This letter is written to express the support of Hope Technology Ltd, and the company's cycle racing team - Team Hope Factory Racing - for the Steven Burke Sports Hub cycle track at the Swinden playing fields site in Pendle, Lancashire.

Hope Technology is a manufacturer of cycle parts based in Barnoldswick in Pendle. The company has long been involved in community cycle projects and events which aim to encourage the uptake of cycling related activities at all levels of the sport from the grass roots through to elite level racing events. The company has been involved with support and sponsorship of local Go-Ride club Cycle Sport Pendle since the clubs formation in 2008. This sponsorship has included the purchase (in 2009) of six Islabikes, exclusively for the use of CSP club members in both club training sessions and road based races and cyclo-cross races.

More recently, during spring 2013, the company has provided further support by supplying the junior "Rider Development Programme" part of CSP with six pairs of carbon fibre race wheel sets, which will help to develop the junior riders' ability to compete at more advanced level road races.

Throughout the course of the last five and a half years the relationship between Hope Technology and Cycle Sport Pendle has developed significantly and the company recognises the fact that this local cycling club is beginning to develop an exciting new crop of cycling talent within the heart of Lancashire who will no doubt go on to achieve elite level honours at the higher levels of cycling.

One success story that has already been a product of the club is local Colne based rider Sam Boast, who raced as a junior rider for Cycle Sport Pendle before being invited to join Team Hope Factory Racing for the 2012 season. With Team Hope he participated in elite level racing alongside the best talent in the country which included the televised Halfords Tour Series throughout the summer.

Hope Technology believes that, when completed, the Steven Burke Sports Hub will provide the perfect base for Cycle Sport Pendle to step up to the next level of developing the local talent. A cycle track facility such as this will inevitably increase cycling participation massively within Pendle and the surrounding areas and this will only contribute towards growing the membership of the club. As participation increases, as does the likelihood of the region producing more cycling stars that could follow in the footsteps of the facilities ambassador – Olympic gold medallist Steven Burke.





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The company can also envisage being involved with future cycling events held at the facility, whether that is a regular weekly circuit race series or individual events such as sportive rides which could potentially start and finish at the site.

Hope Technology and Team Hope firmly believes that the Steven Burke Sports Hub would be a fantastic addition to the local cycling network, and could establish Pendle as an epicentre for nurturing cycling talent for the national and international stage.

Yours sincerely,

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