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To Whom it may concern,

Support for the creation of a cycle track at Swindon Playing Field, Colne

Nelson and Colne College would like to confirm its support for a new cycle track.

The college currently has over 1600 students aged 16-18 who are engaged in full time education. Each of these students is encouraged to get involved in our sport enrichment programme to complement their studies. The team delivering enrichment is constantly looking for new opportunities to increase the number of students taking up sport and fitness activities. This team has been recently strengthened through a successful Sport England bid for a College Sportmaker. The successful candidate joins us at the end of this month; her role will be dedicated to the promotion of sports to our students specifically those not currently engaged with our existing sport enrichment offer, a cycle track would provide a sporting opportunity that we have not previously been able to make available to students and will help the Sportmaker deliver her objectives. We are also particularly interested in the fact that the track can be used for disability sport as a number of our disabled students would be able to access this facility.

The college works closely with Pendle Leisure Trust to encourage our 16-18 year old students, those aged 19 and over, college staff and the wider community to engage in sport. Recent joint campaigns have included college-based holiday sports activities for primary and high school pupils and the promotion of discounted sport opportunities in the community to our staff, students and their families. A cycle track would add an exciting dimension to this programme and to any other joint community initiatives.

We have over 400 members of staff who take part in the college's Health and Wellbeing programme. Cycling has become a regular feature of this programme and many members of our staff now cycle to work and join together on staff development days to take part in cycling activities.

The proposed site for the track is within walking distance of the College and if the bid were successful, we would ensure that the facility was a key feature of our enrichment offer to students, and Health and Wellbeing offer to staff.

Yours sincerely



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