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Dear Mr Richards,

## DM/25/01380/LB Durham Railway Viaduct South West Of Train Station, Station Approach, Durham DH1 4RB

Installation of anti-trespass fencing along internal face of both viaduct parapets 2.3m high from track level for a length of 250 metres.

The Trust wishes to support this application.

Network Rail have already made substantial changes to deter trespass along the railway line and the Viaduct. Trespass remains an issue leading to concern for the wellbeing of individuals on the Viaduct. The chosen solution will cause some negative visual impact by reinforcing the existing railings and adding posts of the wired sections. The Trust notes that this is a solution tried elsewhere and there are few, if any, other solutions.

In this instance the additional negative impact is outweighed by the need for the safeguarding of trespassers, and the Trust therefore supports the application.

| Yours sincerely             |
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