



HIVE

**BLACKBURN AND DARWEN
BUSINESS LEADERS
NETWORK**

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To whom it may concern,

The Hive Business Leaders' Network was first launched in 2012 with the aim of transforming Blackburn with Darwen into a "world-class business area". Since then, over 360 local organisations from micro to multinational businesses have joined Hive and our aims are fully aligned with the desire of the Darwen East Development Corridor transport scheme.

This letter sets out the HIVE network's support for the Darwen East Development Corridor transport scheme.

The HIVE-endorsed Plan for Prosperity for Blackburn with Darwen sets out the Local Strategic Partnership's key priorities to 2020 which are underpinned by the need to create the environment for a thriving and competitive business base, leading to improved prospects for the borough's residents.

The new link road on the eastern side of Darwen will unlock land to enable the future development of new housing and improve access to local employment opportunities which fits perfectly with our priorities.

The Darwen East Development Corridor transport scheme's aims of improving the local highway network, thereby boosting the local economy, is therefore welcomed.

Yours faithfully,

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Dear Sir/Madam

Blackburn College has a long and very successful history of providing relevant and high quality education from Entry level through to Masters' level. Blackburn College's purpose is to provide life changing educational opportunities for young people and adults through high quality education and training supporting their employment aspirations both now and into the future. In the future, portfolio careers with definable and transferable skills are needed, in an environment where technology and knowledge driven organisations are the way forward. As a provider of education and training Blackburn College prepare future citizens to play a more influential and caring role in society, locally, nationally and beyond. This enhances the concept of citizenship and promotes social cohesion.

This letter sets out Blackburn College's support for the Darwen East Development Corridor transport scheme.

The new link road on the eastern side of Darwen will unlock land to enable the future development of new housing, thereby increasing opportunities for families and students as well as opening up easier access into and out of Darwen (from Blackburn) making it easier for students to get to College.

The Darwen East Development Corridor transport scheme's aims of improving the local highway network will assist the College to achieve the links with local employers for the College's Apprenticeship and Work Placement provision.

The College has invested heavily in a fantastic town centre campus, working in partnership with industry in the design and development. Access to the campus and town from the local areas is of great importance to the College for our students, visitors, external stakeholders and businesses whom we work very closely with. It is also important to create an environment for business to grow leading to improved prospects for the borough and its residents.

The College is therefore a strong supporter for the Darwen East Development Corridor Transport Scheme.

Yours faithfully



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