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Dear Mr Lewis,

Sustrans – Annual Review 2017/18

Over the past four years the Trustees of the Ninveh Charitable Trust have been generously supporting Sustrans' Tracks of the Ironmasters project, a major project that aims to celebrate the social, industrial and natural heritage of the Cleator and Workington Junction Railway, now a key National Cycle Network route. I wanted to thank you and the Trustees once again for their generous support.

I'm delighted to share our newly published 2017-18 Annual Review with you, which shows some of the incredible impact that Sustrans makes thanks to the Trustees support. It includes some wonderful examples of where we've helped to bring the power of walking and cycling to people across the UK, from Brandy, a resident of a homeless women's hostel in London, to Robert, living in a formerly neglected neighbourhood in Dumfries.

This year we've made great strides in making it easier for people across the UK to walk and cycle:

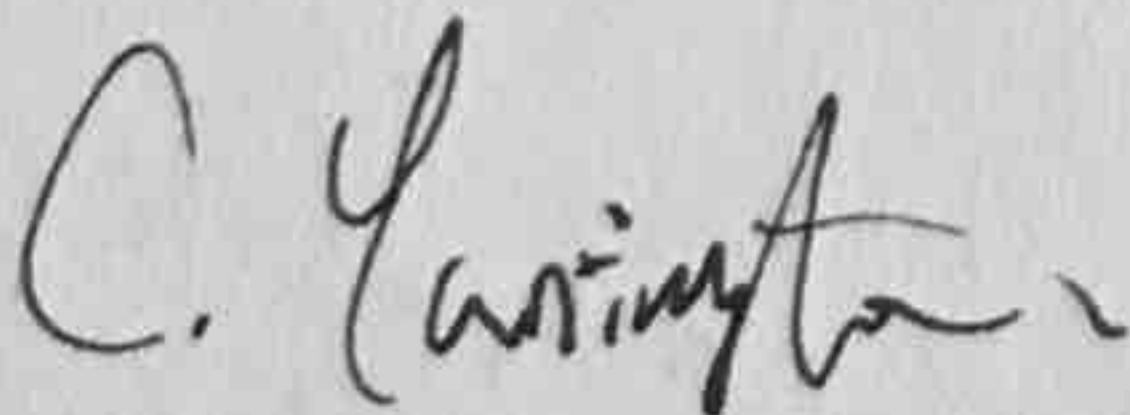
- We've worked with almost 10,000 employers and 65,000 employees to support the transition to active forms of commuting
- We delivered 45 Community Street Design projects, empowering around 19,000 residents to co-design their streets and spaces, making them safer and encouraging active travel
- We empowered more than half a million children to scoot or cycle to school through 'The Big Pedal'

In November we published our biennial Bike Life Reports in seven UK cities, which provide an invaluable snapshot of attitudes to cycling from thousands of residents. The reports help us to understand how the population feels about cycling and investment in cycling infrastructure, showing, for example, that 78% of respondents support the building of more roadside cycle lanes, even when this could mean less space for other road traffic. As a result, the reports give cities the evidence they need to make the case for new cycling infrastructure.

The National Cycle Network (NCN) has been growing for more than 20 years, and this year we launched our first ever complete review of the network. We've already audited every mile of the network, and we're now in the process of identifying key route developments across the network. We are working closely with government, councils, communities and landowners to understand use of the network and make sure it's the best it can be.

I do hope you will find the Annual Review of interest, and I look forward to writing to you in due course with an update on Tracks of the Ironmasters prior to our final grant.

Yours sincerely



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