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Submission: Support

Comments: I am writing in support of the Planning Application. Living at Litton Mill, the Monsal Trail offers a really useful traffic-free route into Bakewell, as well as connecting us to other local villages such as Great Longstone. In fact, it takes a similar amount of time to cycle to Bakewell from Litton Mill as it does to drive.

In contrast, there is no safe cycle route in the other direction into Buxton from Litton Mill/Millers Dale. The A6 is dangerous, even for an experienced cyclist, and completely unsuitable for children, while other routes are circuitous and again, unsuitable for young children or those who are less fit. Motorists would also benefit from having cyclists removed from this route, where overtaking is frequently difficult and dangerous.

A route extending the Monsal Trail into Buxton via Woo Dale would be of great benefit to local people like myself, who prefer to cycle where possible, especially those of us who have children. There are many facilities in Buxton that would become much easier to access, were a cycle route to exist, as well of course allowing the people of Buxton an easier route into the heart of the Peak District National Park.

I understand that many of the considerations of this application will reference the impact on tourism, but I think it would also be of considerable practical benefit to those of us who live and work in this area.

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