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New Tentative List of Sites for World Heritage Status

As you assess the applications for the UK's new Tentative List of sites for World Heritage Site status with a view to preparing a new list of potential sites for submission to UNESCO in 2011, please take into account my support for one particular application.

I support the nomination of the **Great Western Railway** for World Heritage Site status.

The GWR was the first mainline railway in the world, the creation of the genius, Isambard Kingdom Brunel, and to this day remains one of the most complete, despite being in constant operation for 170 years.

Unlike his contemporaries, Brunel did not follow the perceived wisdom of the day, and as a result opted for a railway that achieved through-life operating economy and higher track speeds at the expense of greater initial construction costs. His influence can be seen in the designs of stations, bridges, cuttings and tunnels as well as the track route, which is why so much of the GWR is worthy of nomination.

The GWR is definitely the best and most important railway in the UK, and as a World Heritage Site would represent the most neglected, yet important, heritage sector – railways.

I firmly believe that the Great Western Railway and Brunel merit this honour.

Signed:

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