

MAYOR OF LONDON

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Dear Leonie,

Thank you for presenting your petition on step-free access at East Putney at the London Assembly's Plenary session on 8 June. I am sorry for the delay in responding.

As part of my Transport Strategy, I am committed to making Tube, rail and other services more accessible and inclusive. This includes ambitious aims to improve step-free access and halve the average additional time taken to make a public transport journey on the step-free network compared to the full network. Since 2016, Transport for London (TfL) has reduced additional average journey times for people who need accessible routes by 40 per cent, and increased the number of step-free stations across London by 20 per cent, meaning there are now more than 200 on its network.

I understand that my Deputy Mayor for Transport, Seb Dance, has already written to you to explain why East Putney station was not included in the next tranche of stations to be prioritised for step-free access. I would like to stress that no final decision has been made on the stations at which step-free access will ultimately be delivered.

You will be aware that the London Borough of Wandsworth funded and commissioned its own feasibility study for East Putney station in 2019. This study identified the preferred scheme as installing a new footbridge linking the platforms, with one of the lifts serving the station extending down to the ticket hall level. The estimated cost of these works was around £16 million. Should step-free access be prioritised at East Putney, TfL would need to review and update this study to reflect the experience gained during the delivery of projects at comparable stations. Changes in standards and material rates have also occurred since the study was conducted so these would also need to be considered.

I can assure you that TfL continues to actively engage with Wandsworth Council and other stakeholders to explore whether the right mix of investment could be made available to allow feasibility work to be progressed.

I would welcome any support you can provide to bring in third party investment so that TfL can further expand its step-free access programme. Where third party funds can be identified to support step-free schemes, we will work to secure these.

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Thank you again for bringing your petition to my attention.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sadiq Khan', with a small '2' written below the 'h'.

Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London