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Dear Elly

Accessibility and Inclusion in Transport Planning

Thank you for your recent letter following the publication of the Transport Committee's report. It was a privilege for Network Rail to contribute to this important work and to attend the report's launch. We look forward to continuing to work with you and our partners, to deliver a more accessible railway across London.

I wanted to update you on our work in the light of your Committee's recommendations on Access for All. We are building on our work with Transport for London (TfL), to develop further the industry conversations already underway between Network Rail and TfL. We will work together to agree the priority list and delivery timetable for schemes across Greater London. As this develops, we will continue to keep you and your colleagues updated and will write again with our confirmed response to the Committee's recommendation.

You may be aware that we stood up our Access for All team structure in November 2024. This Portfolio Sponsorship Office has been instrumental in providing national oversight to the portfolio and driving forward progress on the 38 schemes completed in this time, seven of which are within Greater London. We have also secured approximately £30m in third party funding, which has allowed us to progress 31 new schemes nationally, five of which are within Greater London.

We are continuing to review options at all stations, to identify opportunities for improving accessibility. This includes exploring ways to introduce step-free access and other enhancements to make stations easier to use for all passengers. The funding and project approval for Access for All schemes, as enhancements, is a decision for the Department for Transport, with projects then developed and delivered by Network Rail.

We look forward to continuing to work together in partnership with you, TfL and Places for London, to improve the accessibility of rail services across London.

Yours sincerely

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