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Dear Andrew,

Thank you to Assembly Member Krupesh Hirani and everyone who signed the petition regarding the commercial units at Willesden Green station.

I understand the concerns that local residents, businesses and passengers have raised about the length of time some units have remained vacant and the impact this can have on perceptions of the station environment. I agree that well-used, vibrant station spaces can make an important contribution to local communities, support economic activity and help create a more welcoming environment.

Through Places for London, Transport for London's (TfL) property company, significant work has been undertaken to bring the vacant units at Willesden Green back into use. Since 2023, more than £200,000 has been invested in refurbishing and upgrading the units, including major works to power, water, drainage, fire systems and other infrastructure needed to meet modern standards. These works have largely now been completed and have been carried out to ensure the units are suitable for long-term occupation.

I am pleased that progress has been made in securing new occupiers. Commercial units at the station have either already been let or are under offer and progressing towards lease completion. In addition, the smaller units are being made available as pop-up spaces for local and independent enterprises, with Places for London and Brent Council working together to encourage take-up by community-focused businesses.

I also recognise the concerns raised about crime and antisocial behaviour. TfL continues to work closely with the Metropolitan Police Service, British Transport Police, Brent Council and other local partners to address these issues. Discussions have included opportunities for temporary occupation of vacant space and wider partnership activity aimed at improving safety and the station environment.

The local community is rightly keen to see visible progress, and I am assured that residents should begin to see material improvements at the station as the new occupiers complete their fit-outs and the remaining vacant spaces are brought into use. TfL and Places for London will continue to engage with local representatives and Brent Council as this work progresses.

I welcome the community's ongoing interest in the future of Willesden Green station and will continue to support efforts to ensure that these assets are fully utilised for the benefit of local residents, businesses and passengers.

Yours sincerely,



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