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Caroline Russell AM

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Dear Caroline,

Thank you for your letter of 15 October following up on our discussion during Mayor's Question Time about safeguarding the interests of disabled people in Streetspace schemes. Please accept my apologies for the delayed response.

I am committed to ensuring that the interests of disabled people are safeguarded, and I am pleased to have your support for our Streetspace programme.

Transport for London (TfL) is working closely with boroughs, reminding them of their public sector duties to ensure accessibility is embedded in all designs and decisions and issuing guidance to support them. TfL is also engaging directly with organisations representing people with specific accessibility requirements in addition to engagement with its Independent Disability Advisory Group and has hosted a series of working groups with representatives including Transport for All, Disability Rights UK, Inclusion London, Scope and the Royal Institute of Blind People to hear their views.

TfL's new inclusive Streetspace engagement programme will address challenges experienced by older and disabled people that have been identified within Streetspace schemes. It will bring together charities, engineers and designers to take part in a series of workshops which will look in detail at the designs and implementation of Streetspace and Healthy Streets schemes where stakeholders have highlighted concerns.

The workshops will seek design solutions to inform both the temporary and permanent Streetspace schemes delivered by TfL and London's boroughs which allow new types of protected cycling infrastructure to be built while ensuring all pedestrians can travel safely and with confidence.

The workshops will focus on the following:

1. Understanding the challenge of improving cyclist safety through segregated infrastructure, without impacting the safety for older and disabled pedestrians and their confidence in using public spaces.
2. Developing solutions and mitigations for any adverse impacts on streets of current cycling infrastructure designs.
3. Reaching agreement for monitoring of adopted designs and further work to diversify walking and cycling as infrastructure is implemented.

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4. Discussion of mitigations outside of design that will improve the confidence of all Londoners to travel and enjoy London's streets.

Feedback from these workshops will feed into TfL policy and guidance to the London boroughs. If you would like to hear more about this work, please contact Euan Macfarlane at TfL, who will be [happy to organise a briefing](#) for you.

Thank you again for writing to me on this important issue.

Yours sincerely,

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Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London