MAYOR OF LONDON

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Dear Navin,

Thank you for your letter of 11 July in support of a second petition, in which you requested further investigations into step-free access at Willesden Green station. I am very sorry for the unacceptable delay in responding; I am told Transport for London (TfL) required some additional information due to some difficulties reviewing the images.

I understand that representatives from the Willesden Green Access Group met with David Leboff, Principal Sponsor at TfL, on 18 September to discuss the proposal in detail. While David noted that there may be some merit in the suggestions, a full feasibility study would be required before a decision could be made – as indeed you recognised in your letter. Feasibility studies are an involved, technical process that in themselves are very expensive. TfL only commissions them when it feels that a station has a good chance of becoming step-free and the funds for implementing the scheme are available.

Unfortunately, this is not currently the case with Willesden Green. While I note the case being made by Willesden Green Access Group, funding is not currently available to progress a scheme. It is possible the station could be included in a future step-free access programme if circumstances change, for example if significant funding becomes available from a third party.

I understand that this news will be disappointing to you. I would like to assure you that TfL will continue to work with Brent Council to act on any opportunities that may arise from developments in the area.

Thank you again for writing to me.

Yours sincerely,

Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London