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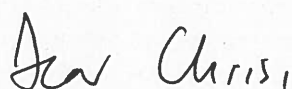
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Access for All nominations for Control Period 6

I am writing to set out my nominations for Access for All funding to improve the accessibility of a number of stations in London. This is hugely important in meeting our shared goal of improving opportunities by enabling more mobility impaired people to access the rail network.

Based on my Transport Strategy, my officers have prepared nominations for 21 schemes (listed below) that perform well against the criteria which have been set out, including:

1. Station demand and the impact of providing step-free access on the journey times experienced by encumbered or disabled customers.
2. Local factors within the station catchment area that would increase the utility of the provision of step-free access, including the following:
 - Total population suffering long term limiting illness;
 - Total population aged 5 and under and aged over 65;
 - Number of primary schools;
 - Number of GP surgeries; and,
 - Number of town centres.
3. New developments within the station catchment area that would increase the value of the provision of step-free access.
4. Availability of match funding from other parties.
5. Stakeholder support from the following parties:
 - Train Operators using the station concerned;
 - Local disability groups;
 - Local councils;
 - Local communities and the public; and,
 - Local MPs.

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Supporting material for these schemes will be provided by my officers in an email submission to the Access for All mailbox. Collectively the schemes will provide a far wider network of step-free stations across London meeting both our aspirations. You will see that the feasibility of the schemes has also been assessed.

My nominations also have the support of key stakeholders, including the train operators and Network Rail who would necessarily have to deliver some of the schemes.

The stations nominated for consideration are ranked below in priority order. The lowest number is deemed to have the highest priority and the best fit with the criteria outlined above:

1. Mill Hill Broadway
2. Hackney Downs
3. Dalston Kingsland
4. New Barnet
5. Gunnersbury
6. Kentish Town
7. Enfield Chase
8. Raynes Park
9. New Southgate
10. Wandsworth Town
11. Kentish Town West
12. Harlesden
13. Queenstown Road Battersea
14. Bruce Grove
15. Kew Bridge
16. Leyton Midland Road
17. Bowes Park
18. Catford
19. St James Street
20. Brentwood
21. Woodgrange Park

My officers have also discussed the provision of step-free access at Norwood Junction with Network Rail and the London Borough of Croydon (LB Croydon). I consider that the provision of step-free access at this station should be a priority as it performs well against the criteria set out above. However, I recognise that it is inappropriate to include it in my nominations for Control Period 6 because any scheme to provide step-free access at this station needs to be integrated with the proposed Brighton Main Line Upgrade to be viable. This scheme is not currently funded for delivery. Therefore, my officers will be working closely with Network Rail, LB Croydon and other stakeholders to advocate for the delivery of step-free access at Norwood Junction as part of the Brighton Main Line Upgrade.

My officers have also discussed the provision of improved step-free access at Barking Station with the train operator c2c and the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham. Whilst I have not included this station in my list of recommendations for Access for All, I accept that there is a case for significant improvements to the accessibility of this station and its capacity given the increasing pressures it faces.

The list above excludes those stations in London that were deferred from the previous Control Period for potential implementation during the period from 2019 to 2024. The stations concerned are listed below for reference:

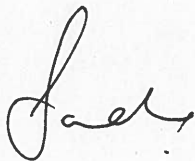
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- Barnes
- Battersea Park
- Hither Green
- Peckham Rye
- Petts Wood
- Queens Park
- Seven Sisters
- St Mary Cray
- Streatham

I understand that the Department for Transport will be evaluating these schemes further. Needless to say, I wholeheartedly support the implementation of these schemes during the forthcoming Control Period.

Our assessments show that all the stations mentioned above offer substantial benefits, and I have no hesitation in recommending them all to you. Transport for London would be happy to answer any questions about the proposals or provide further supplementary information if required.

Yours sincerely,



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