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Dear Alison,

## London Assembly Transport Committee – 9 October 2019

Please accept my sincere apologies for the delay in getting back to you. We usually respond to all queries as quickly as possible however, due to some changes in the team, the letter from your predecessor fell through the cracks. Going forward, this shouldn't be an issue again.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on your recent appointment as Chair of the London Assembly Transport Committee. I look forward to working with you.

I have contacted the RDG regarding the matter of non-standard bicycles used as mobility aids and guidance for Train Operating Companies. It appears that policies on the use of adapted or non-standard bicycles used as mobility aids are not developed beyond policies for bicycles in general. Whilst they are not legally recognised as mobility aids, the DfT's Inclusive Transport Strategy states that they will "By 2020, explore the feasibility of amending legislation to recognise the use of cycles as a mobility aid in order to increase the number of disabled people cycling."

We don't have a date for the publication of the Railway for Everyone study yet. Conversations were on-going pre Covid-19 but have now been delayed. Once I have a better idea of timescales I will be in touch.

I have been in contact with the Euston Station Manager regarding the Eversholt Street entrance to the underground. This is indeed permanent and final finishing touches will conclude late this year. The Station Manager also informed me that we have started a full replacement programme for the 3 escalators which connect Euston station to the underground.

I hope you find this information helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions.

Best wishes,

Helen McAllister Head of Strategic Planning