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(by email)

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Dear Commissioner,

Residents of Ealing have been waiting for too long for step free access at stations across the north of the borough. Projects to create step free access at Northolt, Hanger Lane and North Acton have stalled for years, thanks to the government's woeful failure to fund TfL properly.

Now a funding deal has been agreed, we are calling on TfL to prioritise step free access at these stations, in a part of London where accessible, low carbon transport options are sadly limited.

TfL's sloping lift at Greenford station was the first of its kind in London and led the way in innovative step free access. Now, more Ealing residents must share the benefit. Northolt, Hanger Lane and North Acton are all areas projected to grow in employment and residential over the next ten years. Step free access will be key in ensuring that opportunities are equally accessible to all.

This administration has put taking climate action at the heart of our agenda as one of our top priorities. We note the expansion of the mayor's ULEZ which is designed to address the 165 deaths from air pollution in Ealing last year. But this must be coupled with better access to public transport in outer London where car dependency is higher. This means we need to work together with TfL to enable all our residents to choose active and public transport, including disabled people and those with buggies.

Yours sincerely,

Cllr Peter Mason
Leader, London Borough of Ealing

Cllr Deirdre Costigan
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