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Dear XXXXCllr [REDACTED]

**Re: Propose West London Orbital Railway**

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Thank you again for arranging ~~the~~ site visit to the proposed West London Orbital (WLO) line on 29 September last year. It was fascinating to see on the ground the real potential there is for unlocking growth in west London through the WLO scheme, and I was pleased to see how collectively you have worked together to move it forward.

~~Also, as you aware, As you are aware, the commitment to examining the feasibility of the WLO has since been included in the draft Mayor's Transport Strategy (MTS) and your support for this proposal and call for a stronger commitment to the scheme in the final MTS is welcomed. since our site visit, the consultation for the draft Mayor's Transport Strategy (MTS) has closed. TfL officers are continuing to analyse responses in preparation for publication of the final MTS early this year. Proposal 83 of the draft MTS states that the Mayor, through Transport for London (TfL) and relevant boroughs, will examine the feasibility of delivering a new London Overground rail link between Hounslow and Old Oak and assess options for an extension towards Cricklewood. Your support for Proposal 83, and your call for a stronger commitment to the scheme in the final MTS, is welcomed.~~

Taking your responses to the draft MTS consultation on board, and in light of the promise shown by your consultant's initial feasibility study and business case, I have asked TfL to begin taking this proposal forward. Officers from TfL and the West London Alliance have now met several times and TfL are in the process of reviewing the work done to date and preparing to progress the scheme, including through the development of appropriate governance arrangements and a project plan.

As I have stated before, the demands for funding are significant, so a robust business case and funding proposal will be required. Boroughs will need to identify suitable ways to support scheme delivery, for example through developer contributions ~~including and~~ CIL. There may also be an opportunity to consider a HIF2 bid to support the scheme in due course. Ensuring the WLO scheme is incorporated into the respective boroughs' Local Plans will also be vital in driving this forward.

I would like to reiterate that the joint approach taken through the West London Alliance has been invaluable in moving this scheme forward, and TfL would welcome a continuation of this collaborative cross party approach.

I look forward to making this happen together, and would be delighted to meet with leaders to discuss progress later in the year.

Yours sincerely,

Val Shawcross

Deputy Mayor, Transport

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