

# MAYOR OF LONDON

**Mayor Philip Glanville and Cllr Guy Nicholson,  
Hackney Town Hall  
Mare Street  
London  
E8 1EA**

**Our ref: MGLA171120-0226**

**Date: 20 November 2020**

Dear,

## **Crossrail 2**

Thank you for your letter of 17 November 2020 in respect of the Crossrail 2 project to myself and Transport for London (TfL) Commissioner, Andy Byford.

The funding agreement secured with the Government on 31 October 2020 includes a commitment by TfL in relation to Crossrail 2 that TfL “prioritises safeguarding activity and brings an orderly end to consultancy work as soon as possible. Department for Transport (DfT) will support such safeguarding activity for this project as required.” I can confirm that TfL is ready to help the Secretary of State refresh the Crossrail 2 Safeguarding Directions in order to safeguard the scheme’s latest proposed design from future conflicting development. TfL is in discussion with the DfT on the likely timetable for this work.

Whilst further work towards seeking consent for Crossrail 2 will be paused, TfL will continue to work with the London Borough of Hackney, especially where planning applications and developments are affected by the current and future Safeguarding, so that with your support we can continue to protect the route until such time as the railway can be progressed.

It is the case however, that given TfL’s current finances and the lack of a viable funding package for the scheme at the moment, I am not in a position to confirm when our work on seeking consent for Crossrail 2 can restart. I believe Crossrail 2 will still be needed to support London’s growth and we have clearly demonstrated the case for the scheme. My team at TfL is in the process of ensuring the project has been put in good order, ready to be restarted when the time is right.

You refer in your letter to Dalston (Kingsland Shopping Centre), Hackney Central (Clapton Bus Garage) and Shoreditch Park. I know that your officers have worked closely with members of TfL’s Crossrail 2 project team to set out your requirements; please be assured that the team is confident that the proposed revised worksites across the borough will enable the delivery of Crossrail 2 in the future whilst also limiting the impact on town centres and Shoreditch Park.

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I appreciate that further work at Dalston Kingsland (over and above the £1.4m investment by TfL in 2017 to create a new entrance area with much greater capacity to relieve congestion) would help to alleviate congestion at the platform level and on the stairs by widening these but unfortunately there is currently no funding available for this so these works cannot be progressed at this time. TfL will continue to seek funding for these works, which I understand are complex and therefore relatively costly.

I agree that the provision of step free access at Dalston Kingsland is highly desirable; indeed we submitted it to the Department for Transport (DfT) as one of our priorities for Access for All funding during the current Control Period which runs until 2024. Unfortunately, this nomination was not accepted. We currently have no funding to progress a step free scheme at this location, so we are dependent on other funding sources if one is to be delivered, including Access for All. If the DfT makes further Access for All funding available, we will consider nominating Dalston Kingsland again.

Yours sincerely,

**Sadiq Khan**  
Mayor of London

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Add additional information here: TfL / Crossrail 2 has had regular engagement with the LB Hackney and Mayor Granville to discuss how the Crossrail 2 scheme may be taken forward in Hackney and the boroughs aspirations for its regeneration proposals.

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