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Dear Anthony

Wimbledon Station Access Scheme

As you know, the South and West London Transport Conference (SWELTRAC) is a sub regional transport partnership which provides a focus for transport issues in south and west London. SWELTRAC's membership is drawn from 12 local authorities (10 London Boroughs, Spelthorne District Council and Surrey County Council), TfL, BAA, South London Partnership, bus and rail operators and other stakeholders. Of the 10 London boroughs, the London Borough of Merton has always been a key associate.

One of our principal strategic objectives is to improve public transport interchange facilities to allow easy transfer from one mode to another. We seek to support and implement this objective through proposals which provide for the safe and efficient movement of people and improved public transport interchange. As you are aware we try to realise this objective through our own Station Access programme which encompasses the majority of the partnership's remit. Therefore, we fully support the proposals outlined for the Wimbledon Station Access Scheme.

The individual proposals combined will significantly improve accessibility and enhance the overall immediate station environment. Aspects of specific note include the disabled provisions and improvements to the pedestrian space outside the station, with the proposed increase in cycle parking also particularly encouraging. Aside from being the largest station in the region, it has strategic importance as a key public transport interchange bringing together underground, South West Trains, First Capital Connect and Tramlink services. Any improvements at this location will not only apply to passengers in the immediate Wimbledon area, but also to commuters on a larger, sub-regional scale including residents from the outlying areas.

To conclude, SWELTRAC strongly supports this project. It will not only greatly improve the accessibility but also greatly enhance the overall physical and aesthetic environment in relation to the station.

Yours sincerely,

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