Dear Chair

Crossrail inquiry

At the Committee’s oral evidence session on 15 May 2019 you asked for clarification on whether there are any other stations apart from Bond Street that will not be open when Elizabeth line passenger services commence between Abbey Wood and Paddington between October 2020 and March 2021. I can confirm that our current plan demonstrates all central section stations (between Abbey Wood and Paddington) apart from Bond Street will be open although, as we noted at the Committee, there remain risks and uncertainties in delivering our plan.

Regarding the surface stations to the east and west of the central section I can confirm that all the stations are currently open and many are already served by TfL Rail which is the precursor to the Elizabeth line and is operated by MTR Crossrail under a concession from TfL. These stations will remain open as Elizabeth line services are connected to the surface sections (east at Stage 4, west at Stage 5). Upgrade and enhancement works, including step-free access, of these surface stations are at varying stages of completion. The most significant works remaining to be completed are Network Rail’s upgrades at Romford, Ilford, Acton Main Line, Ealing Broadway, West Ealing, Southall, Hayes & Harlington and West Drayton. Construction activities will be managed in order to keep the stations open to the public and Network Rail is forecasting their works to be complete by the end of 2020.

I will keep your Committee updated as progress is made on the project.

Yours sincerely,

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