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8th December 2014

Dear Isabel,

Bakerloo Line Extension - consultation response

I am responding to the Transport for London consultation on the proposal to extend the Bakerloo Line from Elephant & Castle through Southwark into South East London.

I strongly support extending the Bakerloo Line along both routes proposed, on route 1a via Old Kent Road and route 1b via Camberwell and Peckham Rye.

Having a tube in my constituency is long overdue and justified in terms of the needs of the people locally and the need for economic regeneration.

My constituents have been poorly served by public transport for years, relying mainly on buses as there is no tube. There are 270 tube stations across London but none in my constituency.

Without a tube service, our buses are overcrowded, the overland trains are congested and the roads are jammed with traffic. People are not able to get to other areas of London as quickly as people in those areas which have a tube. This restricts the jobs they can go for, where they can study and family and social activities.

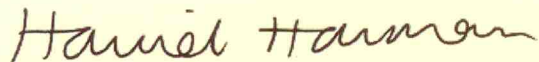
Camberwell and Peckham are growth areas with new residents and new housing. Fundamental to the regeneration of this part of London is having a new efficient transport system through the area and across the river to major transport hubs in the north of the city. The tube would create jobs and support development and regeneration along both route 1a via Old Kent Road and 1b via Camberwell and Peckham Rye.

The Old Kent Road route needs the tube for regeneration. The Camberwell and Peckham Rye route needs the tube for regeneration and also for access to important institutions including Kings College Hospital, the Maudsley Hospital and Camberwell College of Art which have thousands of staff, visitors and students passing through every day.

My constituents work hard and pay their taxes like people do in other areas of London but they don't have the tube which people in other areas do. They regard this as unfair and so do I. When Londoners are benefitting from investment in other transport projects such as Thameslink, underground upgrades and Crossrail, we must ensure that residents in Camberwell and Peckham also benefit from investment.

Extending the Bakerloo Line to Camberwell and Peckham would send a clear signal to local people that Transport for London has been listening to people's concerns and is committed to providing modern public transport for the people of my constituency.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Harriet Harman".

Harriet Harman MP