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Sophy Tayler,

Re: An open letter in support of re-opening Camberwell Railway Station in SE5

Thank you for your letter of 7 August.

I am pleased to read about your activities at the Brunswick Park Fete and would also like to thank you for the slice of cake and photographs that you kindly gave me.

As you are aware, Transport for London (TfL) is carrying out a study to understand the business case for re-opening Camberwell National Rail station on its former site, and of introducing an associated extra stop on Thameslink services to serve Camberwell.

TfL will examine whether the benefits of faster journey times to the new rail service users at Camberwell, including those diverted from using bus services, would outweigh the costs of increased journey times to existing Thameslink rail service users. Of course, we also need to take account of wider local benefits to the area, including the provision of much needed new homes. TfL is also looking at how passenger flows might change on local bus services if a station at Camberwell were to be re-opened. TfL has been working with both Network Rail and the London Borough of Southwark on this study.

Regarding access to Kings College Hospital, this study will analyse the potential to improve journeys to the hospital and for passengers to divert from using Denmark Hill station to using a new station at Camberwell.

I fully agree with your broader point to ensure that health and transport planners work together more closely on matters of transport provision. I have just published an annual progress report for the Health Action Plan 'Improving the Health of all Londoners', and TfL has recently concluded a review of bus services to London's Hospitals. This makes a number of recommendations, including bus priority measures to improve journey times to Kings College Hospital. In this respect, I am pleased to note that TfL will continue to engage with Kings College NHS Foundation Trust to help maintain and improve transport links to and from the hospital.

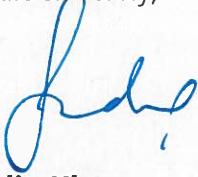
Finally, I can assure you that TfL, working jointly with the London Borough of Southwark, has taken account of the potential future growth of housing and jobs in the area, taking base assumptions from the New Southwark Plan.

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I would like to reassure you that the points you raise in your letter will be covered in the business case that TfL has been preparing. I have asked that TfL share this with you when it is published this autumn.

Thank you again for writing to me.

Yours sincerely,



Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London