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Dear Mr. Wild,

Moorgate and Barbican Station – Noise Complaints

You kindly responded on 5 August 2016 to a joint letter sent by my predecessor as Chairman of the City of London's Port Health and Environmental Services Committee and our Chairman of Planning and Transportation.

Following your helpful response, there have been a number of subsequent meetings between your Head of Environment Steve Judd and City officers, as well as two meetings on 20 September 2016 and 22 June 2017 which included Common Councillors and residents from the Barbican estate. Noisy project works and maintenance associated with the lines beneath the Barbican Estate are now causing fewer problems, however concerns remain regarding operational railway matters. I understand that at the meeting in June this year consideration of changes to the cross-over points beneath Brandon Mews, Barbican were suggested, along with their possible cost and timing. Steve Judd was clear that LUL could not give an accurate estimate on either, indicating that the cost would be 'many £millions' and that the work would not be considered until after the current re-signalling programme was completed in 2023. We were informed that it would not be possible to stop the use of the cross-over before this date as it remained an operational necessity in case of contingency, although with very few planned movements.

There is however merit in continuing to discuss the priority list of works undertaken by London Underground, including any need for renewal of the track between Barbican and Moorgate Stations. We would like to see the joint meetings continuing, so LUL engineers can explore and clarify where the issues and priorities lie in and around this location, with a view to mitigating their effect on local residents.

As the City Corporation we will continue to do all we can to assist in producing the best practical outcome for all parties involved. In general we support the extension of the Night Tube programme. However for the sub-surface lines that run beneath the Barbican Estate we would not wish to see plans taken forward until the necessary actions have been taken on remaining matters of concern.

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I welcome your views on how we can best help to move forward with these matters.

Yours sincerely



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