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Dear Mark Wild,

Operational rail noise from sub-surface lines affecting Barbican residents

I write further to my letter from the 7th November 2017 and your response on the 1st December 2017.

I am pleased to advise that the close working relationship between City of London officers and your Environment Team continues. The excellent work that resulted in the control of construction and maintenance works for London Underground in the City of London has been sustained and very few complaints are now received in relation to these essential works.

A new emphasis has also been given to community relations by LU to Barbican residents and this is very much welcomed. It is hoped that the newly re-organised team at LU will continue to build on the work carried out to date and new relationships can be built directly with your Track Engineering Team.

The issue of operational rail noise however remains, and is perceived to be worsening. Residents particularly from Defoe House but also Lambert Jones Mews, Brandon Mews and Gilbert House are now reporting an increase in noise and vibration experienced from the sub-surface Metropolitan, Circle and Hammersmith and City lines.

For those residents that are the worst affected the disturbance is now at an intolerable level and is considered a public health issue.

Despite several resident liaison meetings and meetings with City Officers it is my understanding that little has been done to consider this issue in a holistic and coordinated way. Opportunities for

potential mitigations to be considered have not been taken, the restricted length for the proposed section of new track to be installed this Autumn is an example of such.

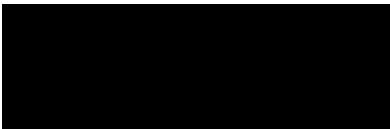
The continued use of the crossover located under Brandon Mews also remains, with the advice from LU being that it will not be removed, and no mitigation work at the crossover is proposed. Trains passing over these points located in close proximity to the residential properties result in significant noise and vibration. I would ask that you review the decision for the crossover to remain and develop a plan for its early removal.

The City has now commissioned a specialist independent consultant to investigate and advise on these matters and we would appreciate the assistance of your teams to discuss the findings and work together towards a resolution to an agreed timescale.

The City of London Corporation in general supports the extension of the night tube programme for the benefit of London. We will continue to do all we can to assist in producing the best outcome for all involved. However, action needs to be taken on these remaining matters of concern before proposals for the night tube are taken forward for the sub-surface lines running beneath the Barbican Estate.

I look forward to the City of London and London Underground working together to resolve the issues raised by the residents of the Barbican Estate.

Yours sincerely,



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