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Dear Chris,

Access for All Funding – Beeston Station

Thank you for your response to my letter regarding the business case to improve access at Beeston Station put forward by the Friends of Beeston Station in my constituency. Your letter was well received and in particular your advice about Access for All funding. The Department for Transport's subsequent announcement of £300 million being made available to extend the Access for All programme is also hugely welcome.

I have met again with the Friends of Beeston Station who remain committed to their campaign for full access at Beeston. I am pleased to say that they are already making improvements at the station and are working with Network Rail and East Midland Trains. However, you will appreciate that more funding is needed to make Beeston Station fully accessible which is why we would be very grateful for more detail about how the group can apply through the Access for All programme. In particular we would like to know: i) How to bid for funding; ii) By what date does a bid need to be submitted, and; iii) What we can do to make sure any application for funding is fully and properly considered.

Finally, I would be delighted if you would agree to visit Beeston Station and meet the Friends of Beeston Station group. They are all volunteers and are doing excellent work not only to improve the station, but also to promote it in the community.

as ever,

Rt Hon Anna Soubry MP

Cc. Friends of Beeston Station.