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Dear Mr Finnan,

Disabled Access Ramp to Platform 2 at Beeston Station

I am forwarding you a copy of a letter I have sent to the Chief Executive of Broxtowe Borough Council following a meeting I have had with the Friends of Beeston Station who are campaigning to improve the station.

As you may know, accessibility at Beeston Station is poor and unacceptable and this is a matter I am taking up with the Department for Transport. However, there is some disability access in the form of a ramp to Platform 2 although it has been in a bad state for some time. Now that there is to be a new car park near to the platform, this is particularly concerning.

There seems to be some confusion as to who is responsible for the maintenance of the access ramp. I have been reliably informed that it has nothing to do with either Network Rail or the rail operators themselves. As such, I was wondering if there was anything you can do to shed light on the issue and indeed assist.

As ever, if you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact my constituency team on 0115 9436507.

With best wishes,

Rt Hon Anna Soubry MP

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Dear John,

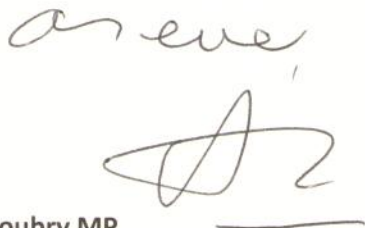
Beeston Station:- Disabled access ramp to platform 2 and the bridge to platform 2 from Dovecote Lane

I have enclosed a letter to Broxtowe Borough Council's Chief Executive Ruth Hyde regarding a disabled access ramp to platform 2 at Beeston Station. The ramp is in a poor state and actually limits the accessibility of the station rather than improving it. There seems to be some confusion as to who owns the ramp (I am told it is not Network Rail or East Midlands Trains) and I am writing to you to see if Nottinghamshire County Council can help. I have also written to the owners of Beeston Business Park.

My meeting with the Friends of Beeston Station also highlighted a problems with the 'tin bridge' over the railway lines and onto Platform 2 from Dovecote Lane. I understand that the bridge is owned by the County Council and is in need of repair after years of neglect. The Friends of Beeston Station group have contacted the council's highways team about resurfacing the path over the bridge and I would be very grateful for any assistance you can provide.

It may help you to see the bridge in person and the Friends of Beeston Station and I would welcome you to visit the station. I know that we are already trying to arrange a meeting with yourself at Awsworth and I would hope that you will agree to visit Beeston Station on the same day.

As ever, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me on 0115 943 6507.



Rt Hon Anna Soubry MP

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