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Dear Rob,

Access for All Funding for Beeston Station

I am writing to give my full support to Network Rail's bid for Access for All Funding to make Beeston Station accessible.

Beeston Station has no proper disabled access between platforms 1 and 2 and anyone needing to change platform with a disability, pram or luggage, would have to travel 200m over a busy road bridge to do so. Until recently, official guidance given to customers was to travel to the next Station instead of crossing the platform at Beeston. Such is my concern that I have raised this issue previously with the Secretary of State for Transport and I held an adjournment debate in Parliament on September 12th to ask for improved accessibility at Beeston Station.

It should be noted that there is also strong community support for improving accessibility at Beeston Station. I helped set up the Friends of Beeston Station, a genuine community group of volunteers with the aim of improving Beeston Station. They have already done excellent work alongside East Midlands Trains to make small improvements at Beeston Station. I understand they also fully support making the station accessible.

I am pleased that you are putting Beeston Station forward as a priority for Access for All Funding for the reasons I have given above. Of course, if you require any further assistance from me then please do not hesitate to contact my constituency office on 0115 943 6507. I would be very grateful if you could keep me updated on the progress of your bid.

With all good wishes,

Rt Hon Anna Soubry MP