

## **Cabinet – 17 September 2015 – Response to Question not reached**

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**Questioner:** Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane

**Asked of:** Councillor Keith Ferry, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Business Planning and Regeneration

**Question:** “I noticed in the Capital budget there is expected slippage on the step-free Harrow on the Hill project. Could you clarify why this has occurred, and where work on this stands?”

**Written Response:** A funding contribution for Harrow on the Hill Step Free Access was added to Harrow’s Capital Programme to strengthen our lobby and demonstrate to TfL that we are committed to seeing the station made step free. We are dependent on TfL’s programme but the good news is that Harrow on the Hill is a priority station in their delivery plans.

In terms of progress, two options are being investigated.

1. To bid for a share of TfL’s £76m for step free access at stations. Following a meeting with the Commissioner, Sir Peter Hendy, last year and we are responding to an invitation from TfL to formally add Harrow on the Hill to the step free programme. This option will require match funding from other sources such as CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) and we will be meeting TfL in the next few weeks to discuss and negotiate.
2. In addition we are in talks with TfL’s commercial team to look at the opportunity to develop sites owned by TfL in the vicinity of the station which if taken forward could pay for the full cost of the lift installation with no match funding required.