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Update on Step Free Access for Flitwick Station (Bedfordshire)

Dear Andrew,

I have received significant correspondence from constituents in Mid Bedfordshire requesting an update on the Step Free Access work that has been promised and is due to be carried out at Flitwick Station.

I have been in contact with Flitwick Ward Councillor Ian Adams who has furnished me with his previous correspondence with Network Rail Project Manager Nicholas Wilton and Jonathan Boot from the communications team dated May 2024. I understand from this correspondence that Network Rail was expecting to move to a detailed design phase with a new contractor this summer.

I have been made aware of the planning application and subsequent land acquisition, but there appears to be no indication of a start date or provision of a project plan. I am told Councillor Adams has asked to see this.

I would be grateful if you could update me on the start date and project plan, and detail any issues which may need to be addressed to deliver this project.

This is an issue that has affected the residents of Mid Bedfordshire for too many years, in particular disabled travellers, parents and guardians with pushchairs, and residents with heavy luggage. I appreciate the complexity of the design work and ensuring that you have a safe delivery schedule, but I would encourage you to expedite this project and keep me updated so that in turn, I can keep constituents up to date.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Blake', with a horizontal line underneath.

Blake Stephenson MP

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