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ANGIE BRAY CHAIRS INAUGURAL EALING BROADWAY STATION IMPROVEMENT MEETING

Angie Bray, Conservative candidate for Ealing Central & Acton and GLA Member, chaired the first of a series of round-table meetings to discuss a programme of improvements at Ealing Broadway station and services to Acton Mainline station on Thursday 28th February. The meeting was arranged following a visit to both stations by Ian Coucher, Chief Executive of Network Rail, arranged by Angie at the end of last year.

Attendees included representatives from Network Rail, First Great Western, Transport for London, the Ealing Cycle Campaign, Ealing Passenger Transport Users Group and Local GLA member, Richard Barnes.

Commenting afterwards, Angie Bray said, *'I am very grateful to everyone who attended, and for the very positive way in which all involved approached our discussions.'*

'Requests for better cyclist facilities at Ealing Broadway got a positive response and a cycle ramp alongside the steps, as well as provision for additional secure parking facilities, are being actively considered. In addition, Transport for London has agreed to have further discussions with Network Rail about re-opening the District Line entrance to help alleviate pressure in the ticket hall.'

'We raised the issue of improving disabled access at Ealing Broadway, but on this we were told that improvements, including proper lifts, will come with the CrossRail upgrade of the station. Network Rail gave an undertaking to try and push Ealing Broadway to the front of the queue for this vital work.'

'On services to and from Acton mainline station, First Great Western said they were working hard to improve reliability and gave an undertaking that, if the improvements continue, they will increase the number of trains back to four per hour, from the current two, and there will be a review to consider this in December of this year.'

Angie concluded, *'This was the first of what will be regular round-table meetings that bring all groups together in a positive forum. Progress was made on a range of issues, and whilst we didn't get answers on everything, there is a strong will on all sides to see tangible benefits in the near future. Our next meeting is in October, and I again thank Network Rail, First Great Western and Transport for London for meeting with our local groups and for agreeing to work with us to try and make a real difference.'*

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Notes:

Attached photo of Angie Bray with Network Rail's Chief Executive, Ian Coucher, Cllr John Ross and John Beeston (Ealing Passengers Transport User Group) at Ealing Broadway station.