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IMPROVEMENTS GET UNDERWAY AFTER SECOND EALING TRANSPORT MEETING

Angie Bray, Conservative candidate for Ealing Central & Acton, met with Network Rail, First Great Western and other local stakeholders last Thursday, 23rd October, for the second in a series of round-table meetings over the future of Ealing railway network. The group, which will meet twice yearly, was established by Angie Bray and Network Rail in February in order to allow all interested parties a chance to discuss improvements to Ealing transport. Talks included the upgrade of Ealing Broadway station once work begins on Crossrail. Network Rail have been tasked with delivering the station upgrades and the next meeting in February 2009 will focus on this.

IMPROVED RELIABILITY

Following a commitment by First Great Western in February to improve reliability on the service between Greenford and Paddington, figures showed that there has been approximately a 20% improvement in the last six months. This means that they will be much better placed to put in a bid for running four trains per hour on the route, rather than the current two. In the meantime, the group will be writing to the Department for Transport, to support First Great Western's bid for extra carriages in order to expand the current service.

CYCLIST RAMP

Responding to the task set at the first meeting to incorporate a ramp for cyclists at Ealing Broadway, the Station's Management brought with them a finalised design, which now needs funding of just £2,860 to meet the total cost of installation at the station.

Angie Bray said, "This is great news and the station management are to be congratulated for getting on with this important project. These ramps will make a considerable difference to cyclists trying to lug their bikes up and down the steps to and from the platforms.

"What we are now hoping is that we can also get improved parking facilities for cyclists and we have asked Ealing Council officer Geoff Warren, who was at the meeting, to look at how this can be achieved."

TICKET HALL IMPROVEMENT

Furthermore, as a result of the meeting last meeting in February, Network Rail and TfL are now in discussions about easing the pressure in the station ticket hall, by utilising another entrance point, which could be the old District Line entrance. In achieving this, they would also provide a solution to safety concerns about evacuating the station while it only has one entrance.

Angie said, *"Thanks to these regular, round-table meetings, both parties were able to identify the problem and work in partnership to resolve it. We have now been told that they are making good progress towards finding a solution which passengers using the station have been crying out for."*

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Notes to editors:

- Present at the meeting with Angie Bray on Thursday, 23rd October were representatives from: Network Rail, First Great Western, GLA, Ealing Council, Save Ealing Centre, Ealing Passenger Transport Users Group and Ealing Cyclists Campaign.

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