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Standing up for Hounslow, Richmond and Kingston

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**Dear Deputy Mayor Alexander,**

The Piccadilly Line is the second worst on the network for signalling failures and one of the worst for overall delays. Thousands of residents of the borough of Hounslow rely on the Line to get to and from work every day, not to mention those from across London and further afield who use it to access Heathrow Airport.

For decades, Chiswick residents have called for full service on the Piccadilly Line at Turnham Green. Many experience deep frustration on a daily basis watching the Piccadilly Line trains they require speed through the station instead of stopping.

The Piccadilly Line signalling upgrade is the key to solving both the general reliability issues and the Turnham Green issue permanently. The project has been delayed indefinitely for several years with no start date announced and no funding allocated.

TfL Commissioner Mike Brown described the project as TfL's 'number one priority' as recently as February, but there is scant evidence for this given the lack of progress to date. New trains for the Line will be welcome when they arrive in a few years, but without new signalling much of their value will not be unlocked.

To give hope to residents in the borough of Hounslow, can you please confirm that the Piccadilly Line upgrade will remain TfL's 'number one priority' post-COVID and with a new commissioner?

If that is the case, will you please match words with action and outline how you intend to fund the upgrade and when you intend the project to commence?

Could you also please confirm that TfL's recent financial issues will not affect delivery of the new Piccadilly Line trains?

To describe users of the Piccadilly Line – particularly in South West London – as 'long-suffering' would be an understatement. Residents have had the prospect of upgraded signalling and the concomitant benefits – especially full service at Turnham Green – dangled before them for years. They deserve certainty.

Yours sincerely,

**Conservative London Assembly candidate  
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