

Subject **KEW BRIDGE STATION - ACCESS FOR ALL FUND**
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Dear David ,

The Brentford Community Council wishes to express its strong support for South Western Railway's bid to secure government funding from its Access for All Fund to provide disabled access on the westbound platform at Kew Bridge Station .

We believe that it is imperative that this long-overdue facility be provided , especially now in the light of the impending substantial increase in demand which will inevitably flow from the opening of the adjacent Brentford Community Stadium and from the enabling development and occupation of not only the the thousand flats by EcoWorld but also all those by London & Quadrant , Redrow , Catalyst and others close-by .

Additionally , the station advertises itself as the place to alight for the World Heritage site of the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew. One wonders what is the present reaction of disabled visitors from around the world .

The present lack of disabled access is a disgrace in the 21st century . The existing footbridge up from and down to the platform is unusable not only by the disabled but also by families with children in buggies, Furthermore , the platform height is incompatibly too low for the modern rolling stock, resulting in a dangerous and unmanageable gap with is exacerbated by the line being on a curve .

We understand that a three metre strip has been preserved beside the platform to enable disabled access to be provided once funding can be obtained . This cannot be soon enough !

Yours sincerely,

Derek Collett
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On 15 Nov 2018, at 16:18, David Wilby <David.Wilby@swrailway.com> wrote:

I am out of the office until Monday 18th November. If you enquiry is urgent please contact Phil Dominey. Phil.dominey@swrailway.com

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