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Dear Mark,

RE: Access for All – Kingham Station

I write in my capacity as Member of Parliament for Witney and West Oxfordshire to express my support for GWR's bid for Access for All funding for Kingham Station.

This is a busy station in my constituency that is well-used by my constituents, with over 190,000 passenger journeys annually.

It is not currently possible for disabled people to access the station, limiting their opportunity to use rail services for work, school and leisure. Kingham is the only remaining station on the North Cotswolds Line that is not accessible. There has been a long running campaign to improve access, including a local petition in 2018 which attracted over 800 signatures.

Not only would an accessible Kingham Station improve opportunities for constituents who are disabled, it will also help parents with small children, elderly people, and those with luggage or heavy bags. It would also mean that, as we campaign to deliver more frequent and reliable services on the North Cotswold Line, we could celebrate this part of the railway as fully accessible. This will make West Oxfordshire's railways more attractive to modal shift, encouraging greater local rail use for leisure and for work.

This is something I very much support and I know my constituents in Kingham and beyond will also be supportive of the bid.

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From the Member of Parliament for the constituency of Witney in West Oxfordshire including Bampton, Burford, Carterton, Charlbury, Chipping Norton, Eynsham, Witney and Woodstock.