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Dear Mr Leathley,

Thank you for your letter of 20 July to the Chancellor about investment in London's transport infrastructure, and setting out for your support for Crossrail 2. Thank you also for your separate letter of 26 July enclosing TravelWatch's annual review, which I have passed on to Treasury officials. I am replying as the minister responsible for infrastructure delivery.

The Government recognises the role of London's infrastructure in supporting its growth. We are therefore working with Transport for London to develop fair and affordable plans for Crossrail 2, which, as you say, could help to reduce congestion and increase capacity. As part of this work, in March this year the Department for Transport and Transport for London commissioned an Independent Affordability Review of the project. The review is chaired by Mike Gerrard with the support of an expert panel, and is focusing on the affordability of the project. It is also examining ways to ensure that those who stand to benefit from new infrastructure contribute to funding it.

Work on the review is underway, and is progressing well. Once it is complete, the Department for Transport and Transport for London will be able to discuss the next steps for the project.



Thank you once again for setting out London TravelWatch's position.

With best wishes,

Yours,

Robert

Robert Jenrick
Exchequer Secretary to the Treasury