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**The Rt. Hon. Sadiq Khan**

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**Dear Mayor**

## **Reinstating the Night Tube Service**

We are writing to you regarding TfL's refusal to reinstate the Night Tube service in full before 2022. This is an issue of great importance to our constituents, and the people of London more widely, who rely on this service as a fast, safe and inexpensive means of returning home at night.

Demand for a Night Tube service is clear. TfL's own information shows that pre-pandemic late night Underground use has increased at double the rate of day-time trips. There were over half a million users of the Tube after 22.00 on Fridays and Saturdays until the service was cancelled in March last year. A petition calling for its reinstatement has recently attracted over 150,000 signatures. Clearly, the people of London overwhelmingly want the provision of this service, and for a variety of different reasons.

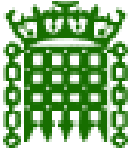
No reason is as important as women's safety, and the Night Tube is a crucial part of providing that. We share our constituent's revulsion at what happened to Sarah Everard, and we have urged each and every one of them to think about how they can improve the safety of women. Reopening the Night Tube is one of the best ways of doing this. It is simple, cost-effective and will bring the instant benefit of reassurance to women travelling home late at night.

The Night Tube reduces journey times and provides a safe means of travel for women. It is well staffed, well-lit, equipped with CCTV and busy with other passengers. The benefits of this for women are clear. We are concerned that without reinstating this service, confidence in travel will be severely diminished and it increases the likelihood of harassment occurring on the streets.

The Night Tube is also hugely important for our night-time economy, with revellers using it as a way to and from the centre of London. Our economic recovery is being hampered by your refusal to reinstate this service. Many workers also use this service to commute for a nightshift, or to return home from work.

The West-End, bars, clubs, restaurants, nightclubs, and pubs are all affected by the reduced services late at night which force them to cut their evenings short, or not attend at all. Industry leaders have already expressed their disappointment at TfL's decision, and we should be doing everything we can to help the hospitality industry which has been so badly affected by the pandemic.

This issue is even more pressing as the number of commuters using TfL services has continually risen since the relaxation of restrictions on 19 July this year. We expect these numbers to continue to rise over the Christmas period.



Your pledge to open two lines by the end of the year is simply not good enough. We expect a detailed explanation as to the reasoning behind this, and that you immediately return to the full resumption of all lines.

The people of Havering are feeling very cut off from Central London at the moment. Our constituents frequently use the Night Tube service to reach neighbouring Stratford via the Jubilee Line. The failure to improve our connectedness to the inner-city extends to wider deep-seated issues with TfL. Why is the Crossrail service continually delayed?

There seems to be a culture of defeatism within TfL and the Mayor's office, with barriers continually put in the way of progress. We strongly urge you to get a grip on these issues to improve the infrastructure links that the people of London so desperately desire.

We believe that you have a responsibility to the women of London, and our constituents in Havering and Redbridge, and Romford, to reinstate this service in full. We strongly urge you to act without delay.

With every good wish.

Yours sincerely

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