

# MAYOR OF LONDON

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Dear Andrew,

Thank you for your letter of 17 September 2018 regarding Tube Noise.

I am very pleased to hear that residents have been in touch with you regarding Kentish Town, where resilient track fastenings have led to a significant reduction in noise.

For the other areas you mention, Transport for London (TfL) has either recently carried out works aimed at reducing noise or will be carrying out work shortly, as detailed below.

## Fitzrovia

TfL completed noise reduction work around Fitzrovia in August 2018. This work included replacing several rail chairs, which fix the rails to the sleepers, and grouting the gaps between the sleepers and the tunnel concrete, which hold the sleepers in place. Rail grinding was also carried out on the northbound track, to address a short patch of rail corrugation. TfL is now investigating whether it is possible to extend the use of rail track fastenings in this area.

## Mornington Crescent

At Mornington Crescent, TfL will carry out work to remove several rail joints on the Charing Cross branch. TfL will also extend the resilient track fastenings on the southbound track of the Bank Branch. Both pieces of work will be completed this month, after which follow-up readings will be arranged.

## Finchley Central

At Finchley Central, TfL is commissioning the installation of a top-of-rail friction modifier, a substance which improves the interaction between the wheel and the rail, with the aim of reducing noise in this area. This work will be completed by November 2018.

## Golders Green

At Golders Green, TfL is currently assessing the area to determine how best to minimise noise levels.

I have asked TfL officers to contact your office as soon as possible to arrange a site visit for you at Finchley Central and to update you once it has been determined what further works could be carried out at Fitzrovia and Golders Green.

I hope the information above is useful and reassures you that TfL and I take this issue very seriously.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Heidi Alexander', with a stylized, cursive script.

**Heidi Alexander**  
Deputy Mayor for Transport