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Dear Andrew

Thank you for your letter of 23 July about Tube noise.

I raised the possibility of trialling Delkor in the Mornington Crescent area with Transport for London (TfL) engineers who have advised that the design of the concrete sleepers in this area means they are not compatible with the Delkor product.

The only way in which a trial might be possible would be after Deep Tube Reconditioning had been carried out. This would require the removal of the existing sleepers and the installation of a continuous concrete base, upon which a rail fastening could then sit. The expected lifespan of Delkor on a concrete slab is around 40 years.

As set out in the update you received from TfL, this would be both costly and time-consuming, costing between £7,000 and £8,500 a metre, and could only be installed at a rate of between one and three metres a day. Notwithstanding the financial context in which TfL finds itself as a result of coronavirus and the impact this has had on revenue, in any event this would be a hugely expensive intervention.

I appreciate this is not the answer that your constituents might have been hoping for. I have asked that TfL's noise and vibration engineers visit affected properties in the area again in the coming weeks to take updated readings in order to assess whether there has been any deterioration and consider whether any further short-term mitigations can be identified.

I understand you will be meeting with Andy Lord, Managing Director of London Underground, in the coming weeks to discuss Tube noise matters further and he will be able to answer any further questions you might have.

Thank you again for writing.

Yours sincerely,



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Deputy Mayor for Transport