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FUNDING FOR THE ELECTRIFICATION OF THE GOSPEL OAK TO BARKING LINE

Thank you for your letter of 11 March regarding the London Assembly Transport Committee's support for electrification of the Gospel Oak to Barking line.

2. The Government is committed to equipping the UK to compete in the global race to build a stronger economy and a fairer society. It has recognised the importance of investment in London's transport infrastructure and continues to support major infrastructure programmes like Crossrail and the Tube upgrade.

3. In challenging economic conditions it is also important that the Government remains committed to its plans for deficit reduction. It was therefore not possible to secure the necessary funding to support the electrification of the Gospel Oak to Barking line in Budget 2013.

4. The Government was able to announce in Budget 2013 that it will increase capital spending plans by £3 billion a year from 2015-16 onwards to improve the UK's infrastructure. I hope it will be possible to consider this proposal again for the Spending Round in June.

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5. I am copying this letter to the Secretary of State for Transport.

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