

# Moseley forum

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Rt Hon Rishi Sunak  
Chancellor of the Exchequer

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Dear Chancellor,

We are writing to you as chairs of local amenity societies and representatives of local businesses in Moseley (Birmingham) to urge you to fund the Midlands Rail Hub. We are aware that West Midlands Mayor Andy Street and the Chair of Midlands Connect and the Midlands Engine Sir John Peace have also written to you recently, stressing the strategic importance of this rail link for our region, and we strongly echo their views.

Moseley is one of the stations on the Camp Hill Line which is scheduled to re-open in 2023 as part of the Midlands Rail Hub. Connecting the neighbourhoods to the southeast of the City Centre to the centre via effective public transport is core to our vision for our mature Victorian suburb. We have long advocated plans for reducing car traffic and associated air pollution and for supporting a vibrant local economy in our Village shopping area, and in fact have been campaigning for the re-opening of the Moseley station for over 30 years. The pandemic has given an unexpected impetus to these plans by demonstrating to residents what a low-traffic neighbourhood could look (and smell!) like, and by encouraging residents, suddenly spending much more time at home, to value the shops and businesses on their doorstep. We have been working hard to build on this vision by trialling Low Traffic Neighbourhoods and by 'banging the drum' for our local businesses. We see the ability of Moseley residents to move quickly, easily and conveniently between their homes and the city centre as a key plank in promoting our local economy and in improving the quality of our environment.

We very much hope, therefore, that the funding can be secured to bring this important development to fruition—a development that will have far-reaching impacts on individuals, businesses and the environment across the region.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair, Moseley Regeneration Group

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