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Dear Ananth and Colleagues,

Thank you for attending our Forum and presenting your latest update on the progress on Moseley Village Station.

Despite the challenges from the audience we continue to be very supportive of the station and impatient to get on a train to New St at the end of 2024 at the latest.

We are disappointed to hear that the design of the roundel approved at the planning stage has gone back to the highway engineers at Birmingham City Council and they are now finding new ways to change the design. We understand the process of stage by stage safety audits but would have expected these basics to have been designed in at the conception.

We are extremely disappointed with your reluctance to embrace the needs of power and water on the forecourt for community use. As we see it the practicalities are small fry compared to the rest of the station and entirely within your capabilities. Surely you will appreciate the benefits not only for the community but also the potential commercial use by WMT.

As you might expect we have some questions that follow from the meeting.

Please could you confirm;

1. An unambiguous date for entry into service for the trains, i.e. the date the public will be able to catch the train from Moseley. From observation of the site we feel that the physical works are behind your most recent programme provided.
2. When we will see a final design for the roundel, which we hope incorporates the zebra at the station entrance on the pedestrian desire line rather than offset where it will be ignored by people walking along St Mary's Row?

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3. When will consultation regarding the diversions necessary for the highway works commence - as mentioned at the meeting we would be happy to have preliminary discussion to help with local knowledge at any time from now?
4. When will physical highway works start and how long will they last?
5. That you will reconsider the provision of power and water supplies to the forecourt for use by the community.
6. Who will own and run the station, the trains and the forecourt?
7. That you will be taking a lead in discussions with Adam Tranter on behalf of your mutual boss (Andy Street) to develop detailed designs and an implementation plan for the cycle lane linking up with the station.

We are aware that some of the above is beyond your current remit so would be grateful if you would forward this letter as necessary.

We are disappointed at the level of engagement and meaningful consultation that is currently taking place between ourselves and note that some, if not all, of the above questions were posed many, many months ago. We are also concerned about the rapid turnover of people that we're dealing with as we are finding promises made are not picked up later 'down the line'.


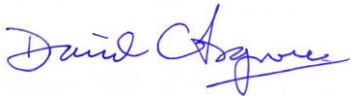
We also attach our table of questions to which we have added your answers from your presentation but also added most of those raised from the audience at the forum. We should be grateful if you could address each individual question formally.

In the meantime be assured though that Moseley Forum remain open to a meeting to suit you as and when you are ready with a full cabinet of representatives from all the stakeholders for a further update.

We look forward to your earliest response and inviting you back in the New Year.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,



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