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Thank you for your letter of 8 August 2016, enclosing correspondence from your constituent, Mr Michael Stephen, Chairman of the Planning Committee of the Chelsea Society, about meeting to discuss the proposed Crossrail 2 station at Kings Road, Chelsea.

I regret that due to diary pressures I am unable to meet with the delegation at this time. I would however like to assure them that no final decisions on the route have been made, and Transport for London and Network Rail will continue to consult locally as the project progresses.

As you will know, the government has provided £80 million to take Crossrail 2 to the next stage of development, with the aim of producing a revised business case by March 2017 and potentially depositing a Hybrid Bill in this Parliament. The Hybrid Bill timescale is subject to delivering on the National Infrastructure Commission's recommendations, which include examining ways to improve the scheme's affordability.

Ensuring value for money and improving affordability on the project is crucial. That is why the government has asked that work be done to identify specific options to reduce the overall cost of the project by at least £4 billion. The cost and benefits for each station, including the one proposed at Kings Road, therefore need be carefully considered as part of this. Transport for London are currently carrying out this work to inform the revised business case.

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