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Dear Mr Cable

Fencing at Teddington

I refer to previous communications regarding the fencing at Teddington station and a site visit conducted on 25 June.

Firstly, I would like to thank you for allowing me the time to fully review this case. I have listened to all comments and concerns raised by residents and these have been a central consideration as I have reviewed the fencing requirements at this site.

As previously noted the assessment method used is an industry recognised risk assessment, accommodating the safety requirements of providing a safe and reliable railway. Our position remains unchanged on this matter.

However, the fencing line was never completed, stopping short of the station area leaving a mix of fencing styles at this location. As such, and as this area of land also falls within the remit of South West Trains, I have taken the decision to replace the fence line from the bike sheds to the far footbridge with 5ft blue railings. This will be in keeping with the height of the railings on the opposite side of the tracks but will be a foot or so higher than the previous railings in order to enhance security at the station.

To confirm - the chain-link fencing and remaining blue post fencing will be replaced with 5ft railings, which are a similar style to that on the adjacent platform. The railings will be powder-coated blue which is in line with the Train Operators specification. In addition, the Sycamore coppice that lies next to the gate will be removed as it has grown through the existing railings. The Sycamore will be replaced with standard Hawthorn.

As previously advised, the remaining chain link fence on Network Rail directly managed land from the footbridge to the substation will remain. We will remove the cranked tops and barbed wire from the posts on the chain-link fencing that runs from the sub-station to the footbridge. This will then match Network Rail's boundary fence on the opposite boundary. We will also renew the fencing around the substation.

I have also authorised the planting of saplings in the gaps in the tree line from the footbridge to the bike sheds using whips of Hawthorn which will establish quickly.



I trust the following actions meet with the support of local residents and strikes a fair balance between the specific security standards we must adhere to alongside consideration for the visual appearance of the station environs.

Once confirmation is received that the following is accepted by residents we will move ahead with carrying out the works. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions in the interim.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Crook', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Derek Crook
Head of Community Relations