

Support for Crossrail 2 in Kensington and Chelsea

This is a copy of the letter sent to the Mayor of London during TfL's public consultation on Crossrail 2 in January 2016.

Mayor of London
City Hall
The Queen's Walk
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Dear Mayor,

Re: Crossrail 2 - Underground Station on the King's Road

As businesses, major employers and cultural, educational and medical institutions in Kensington and Chelsea which together represent over 20,000 employees and attract around 30 million visitors each year, we, the undersigned, share a mutual interest in securing the long-term future of the local area, as well as preserving and enhancing its special character.

It has long been acknowledged that Kensington and Chelsea lack good integration with the wider London public transport system, especially the Underground. We believe that Crossrail 2, with a station on the King's Road, in addition to the proposed South Kensington station improvements, will bring substantial benefits both to employers and to local communities in the Royal Borough. Enhancing Kensington and Chelsea's transport connections and linking to future major transport infrastructure will also safeguard the area's status as a world-leading cultural hub and location for pioneering medical, research and educational establishments. Crucially, it will assist us in recruiting and retaining the very best staff by expanding the area within reasonable commuting distance, as well as improving transport options for our users: visitors, students, patients, customers and local communities.

We are aware that significant concerns exist among some residents about the impact of a Crossrail 2 station on the King's Road. We are confident however that a local Crossrail 2 station, of appropriate scale and design, will boost business and employment in this area generally, enhance its status and attractiveness and ensure the long-term success of Kensington and Chelsea as a unique and iconic London retail, employment, and cultural centre, to the benefit of the whole capital.

Yours sincerely

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