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Dear Lesley

ACCESS ISSUES AT WAVERLEY STATION ETC.

Thank you for your letter of 15 January, bringing to the Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee's attention the City of Edinburgh Council's concerns about passenger access to Waverley Station and highlighting issues relating to potential developments at Haymarket Station.

I am grateful to you and the City of Edinburgh Council for highlighting the restriction in pedestrian and cycling access to Waverley Station and the issues arising from the fact that taxis may no longer drive in and out of the station.

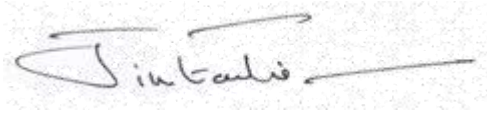
The Committee considered your letter in the context of a discussion of its work programme on 21 January. I am pleased to say that the Committee agreed to prioritise how it might explore the important issues you have raised as part of a short, focussed piece of work. However, given the Committee's current and upcoming inquiry and legislative scrutiny workload, it is unlikely that any such work would be possible until early summer at the earliest.

I should also say that the Committee may be minded to broaden out the scope of any work on these issues to cover any similar access challenges being faced at major railway stations in other Scottish cities.

If you are in agreement, I will contact you further once an opportunity for the Committee to pursue these matters has been identified. In the interim, I would suggest that your officials may wish to contact the Committee clerks at the email address above to provide any further relevant information.

I am determined to ensure that the Committee properly investigates the issues raised in your letter and very much look forward to receiving further evidence from the City of Edinburgh Council in due course.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Jim Eadie', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

**JIM EADIE MSP
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