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Dear Jim,

I have received a response from Baroness Kramer regarding disabled access at Greenfield train station. It is disappointing response and will I will look into this further and get back to you.

In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Debbie

Thank you for your letter of 16 September, to the Secretary of State for Transport, enclosing a letter from Cllr Jim McMahon, about disabled access at Greenfield train station. I am replying as the Minister responsible for this issue.

Last year the rail industry nominated 278 stations for the Access for All programme, only 42 of which we were able to fund. Greenfield Station was only the 187th busiest station nominated. It would therefore have been difficult to justify its inclusion in the programme ahead of other, busier, stations.

In addition, Access for All funding is intended to be over and above any access improvements required to be carried out as part of other projects, including electrification.

Whenever Network Rail install, renew or replace infrastructure at stations they have to meet the European and domestic accessibility standards set out in "Accessible Train Station Design for Disabled People: A Code of Practice" (DFT, 2011). This is available at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/accessible-train-and-station-design-for-disabled-people>.

Failure to comply with these standards could be a breach of their license to operate and leave them open to enforcement action by the Office of Rail Regulation.

I hope this explains the position.

BARONESS KRAMER