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Dear Mr Palmer

**Information request**

**Reference number:** FOI2019/00503

Thank you for your email of 6<sup>th</sup> May 2019, in which you requested the following information:

*Can you please give up to date details of the status of the Access for All project for the Network Rail platforms at Finsbury Park. Specifically, as the lift serving platforms 5 & 6 now appears to be in service, when will lifts to platforms 3 & 4 and 7 & 8 be commissioned?*

I have processed your request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR) as the information requested is environmental according to the definition in regulation 2(c) of the EIR.<sup>1</sup>

I can confirm that we hold the information you requested. To address your specific question regarding the commissioning of lifts to platforms 3 & 4 and 7 & 8. I can inform you that, following confirmation of funding to continue the Access for All Programme, the works at Finsbury Park are proposed to be completed (subject to the Contractors programme) in 2021.

To explain, I have also provided some additional info regarding the works completed in Control Period<sup>2</sup> 5, as well as the plan or CP6 (to include the work at Finsbury Park).

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<sup>1</sup> Please note section 39 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) exempts environmental information from the FOIA, but requires us to consider it under the EIR).

<sup>2</sup> Network Rail are funded by the government in 5-year blocks, called control periods. Control period 5 ran from April 2014 to March 2019.

In control period 5 the Network Rail project delivered the following works:

- Optioneering, Outline and Detailed design (GRIP<sup>3</sup> 5) - completed August 2017
- New electrical supply (DNO<sup>4</sup>) installed at Wells Terrace - August 2017
- In partnership with LUL<sup>5</sup> completed Passageway 4 fit out - December 2018
- Opened shared lift on platform 5/6 - January 2019

As mentioned above, following the confirmation of funding to continue the Access for All Programme (which included the deferred schemes from CP5 of which Finsbury Park was one of them), the following will be progressed:

- Complete the GRIP 6 (Implementation) – GRIP 8 (close out) estimate
- Complete the Investment paper taking the estimate and propose to submit to July 2019's Investment Panel for authority to proceed.
- Upon successful Investment authority being agreed, move into agreeing the Contract with the Principal contractor by Autumn 2019.
- Propose to Start on Site Winter 2019, with delivery timescale of some twelve months, with completion proposed in 2021 – to be confirmed once the Contract with the Principal Contractor has been agreed.

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Yours sincerely

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<sup>3</sup> Governance for Railway Investment Projects – the process that Network Rail uses to manage developments to enhance or renew Britain's rail network.

<sup>4</sup> District Network Operators

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