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Dear Chancellor,

I am writing ahead of the forthcoming Autumn Budget to urge you to approve funds as planned to complete the Oxford Station project and deliver improved rail infrastructure and capacity at Oxford station. The current station is holding Oxford back from maximising its potential as a world-class city, as well as throttling regional growth across the wider Ox-Camb arc. Completing the project as planned will unlock our regional potential and have a wider economic benefit for the UK.

Oxfordshire County Council anticipates a doubling of passenger numbers at Oxford by the year 2050. This will require a new station with an additional platform and entrance, and crucially, track infrastructure to accommodate this. The revamped station as planned would be a flagship example of integrated transport, improving connectivity to jobs and education while delivering sustainable growth.

With the extended Botley Road closure lasting three and a half years instead of the promised one, constituents experienced inconvenience on a massive scale, and local businesses experienced massive strain due to a drop in trade. After all the disruption they have faced, my constituents deserve a station that works for them. This means a station that can accommodate more frequent trains, to more destinations. The station masterplan would also enable the full delivery of East-West Rail passenger services. At present in the eyes of residents, they remain a mere concept.

Improving Oxford station is essential to unlocking wider economic benefits for the UK. Without it, we will not be able to see the benefits of East West Rail, the reopening of the Cowley Branch line, and wider rail growth across Oxfordshire.

At present, Oxford is a critical pinch point on the rail freight and passenger network, hindering the rail economy, despite having extra track and the potential for this to be expanded even further in future. This track is no use to my constituents without an additional platform and a completed western entrance that will allow the station to handle the additional passenger numbers.

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The people of Oxford West and Abingdon will be watching the Budget closely, hoping for assurances that funding will be released on time, as promised, for the next phases of the Oxford station masterplan. My constituents have had enough of transport infrastructure delays, so I hope that you will give us this assurance in your Budget speech.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Layla Moran'.

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