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**To Whom it May Concern**

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**Step Free Access at Dagenham East Station**

I understand the Transport for London are undertaking a feasibility study for step-free access at several London Underground stations that do not currently have this facility.

I would like to support the case for including Dagenham East station for consideration.

Dagenham & Redbridge FC are just a few minutes' walk from the station and step free access would be of great benefit to many of our supporters and other users.

As a National League club, we regularly host crowds of between 1,800 and 2,500 but also rising to 3,500 at times. We provide ample disabled facilities within the stadium for both ambulant and non-ambulant users. However, we are limited with our car parking provision. As an acute Rheumatoid Arthritis sufferer of many years I often struggle with the stairs at stations, and I will often plan my route to take this into account. I am sure that this must affect many peoples choices when planning visiting our games.

But it is not only us that play at our ground. West Ham Women, who play in the Women's Super League, also share our ground and attract similar numbers. The lack of step free access at the station will impact them just as much as ourselves.

And not just the football. As a club at the centre of the local community we are the venue for many different organisations, including a few disabled groups and clubs for older people. All of whom would also benefit from a lift at the station.

I would therefore urge TfL to consider favourably the call for step free access at Dagenham East, which can only help our supporters and users and also with the regeneration of a deprived area of East London.

Yours Faithfully

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