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Via email

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Dear XXXX

ACCESS FOR ALL IN CP6: STATION NOMINATION PROCESS

I am writing to confirm the Government has made up to £300m available to extend the Access for All programme across Control Period 6 and to seek your nominations for the next tranche of station projects.

Selected stations will receive an accessible route into the station and to and between each platform. Nominated stations will be assessed primarily against similar criteria to those used in previous Control Periods. These are:

- Footfall, using figures published by the Office of Rail and Road
- Stations where there is a particularly high incidence of disability in the area, based on Census data
- A particular local circumstance such as the proximity of hospitals, a school for disabled children or a military rehabilitation centre for example, or stations with relatively high numbers of interchange passengers
- The availability of third party funding
- Stations that would help to fill “gaps” in accessibility on the network

There is no limit on the number of stations that can be nominated but you should rank them in priority order and provide the reasoning for this ranking. We also expect that the views of local authorities, Members of Parliament, local disability groups and community rail groups will have been sought. Well evidenced nominations will be given due weight during the selection process.

It should be noted that other factors will be given consideration before the final selection is made including the need to ensure a fair geographical spread across the country and the credibility of projects being delivered within the Control Period (CP6).

You may also wish to consider synergies with other projects or programmes. However, where stations are part of major infrastructure programmes or a renewal is planned that would require compliance with the UK and EU accessibility standards set out in <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/accessible-railway-stations-design-standards> it is unlikely that Access for All funding will be made available. Priority will be given to stations that currently have no access to and between platforms over stations where this is possible, even if the existing route is not ideal.

Nominations should be sent direct to AccessforAllNominations@dft.gov.uk using the attached nomination form.

Nominations should be received by Friday 16 November 2018 and we intend to announce the successful stations in April 2019.

Please note that any stations that were deferred as a result of the Hendy review do not need to be re-submitted as they will all be included in the programme automatically.

If you have any queries about this letter please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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