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Dear Lord Hendy,

Thank you for your letter of 15 January. I am extremely disappointed to hear that Ledbury has not been allocated Access For All funding. Ledbury residents have been waiting a very long time indeed for these vital improvements to access. I have previously written to ministers setting out just how urgently needed this investment is.

As just one example, a constituent contacted me to say that, in order to attend a hospital appointment in Birmingham, he and his carer had to travel 30 minutes in the opposite direction to Hereford, in order to use the lifts at that station to cross to the other platform, and then travel back through Ledbury (more than an hour later), in order to get to the hospital in Birmingham. This is clearly unacceptable.

I note the points in your letter regarding assembling a funding package. Access for All development funding would enable this work to be done. I therefore struggle to understand why the government has refused any form of support whatsoever to progress this urgently-needed feasibility and project development work.

Thank you for your offer of a meeting to discuss this. Yes, I would indeed like to take you up on this and meet with you as soon as possible to make the case for Access For All investment in Ledbury station.

I look forward to hearing from you soon regarding setting a date for the meeting.

With thanks and best wishes,  
Ellie

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