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Dear Chancellor,

On the 30th August I wrote to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government about the future of the proposed train station in Cheadle, which received planning consent after a huge effort from the local community.

As part of the Towns Fund programme, this train station has been the key anchor to the investment and growth strategy of the area and people are rightly behind the proposals.

I received a written response to my question from the Minister on 9 September which stated:

“The proposed train station in Cheadle forms part of the £13.9 million Cheadle Town Deal agreed by the previous government. All Town Deal business cases have been approved and all funding is fully committed, with the expectation that funding recipients will have invested the entirety of their allocation by March 2026. The Chancellor has set out a path to confirming plans for this year and next at the forthcoming Budget on October 30th. We understand that this will have caused uncertainty about the status of some projects and the challenge that it presents locally; however, this Government must be sure to make responsible decisions on public spending. During this time my officials will continue to work with local authorities and across government to help resolve any delivery issues that may arise, including with the Stockport Council and the Department for Transport (DfT).”

I was grateful for the reply which kept a commitment to the development of the train station. However, despite the initial reassurances of continued support, the acknowledgement that the forthcoming budget on 30 October will cause a degree of uncertainty has worried many of my constituents.

Recent reports in The Guardian stating that the Treasury is now asking ministers to model cuts of up to 10% in their departments has only added further concern to my constituents regarding the future of the train station project.

To be clear, the proposed train station in Cheadle has been years in the making. Starting with a campaign by the former Member of Parliament, Patsy Calton and through to my tenure, this project has been identified as a vital cog in the future growth of Cheadle Village.



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The most recent consultation for the train station, commissioned by the Towns Fund and delivered by the Cheadle Village Partnership, found overwhelming support from local residents and businesses.

Many stated that a station would ensure Cheadle Village was better connected to Greater Manchester and would also drive more footfall to the district centre, which is struggling under the costs of rising energy prices and business rates.

It is vital that this station has continued support from the Government and that all promises made up until now are met.

Can I therefore ask for your reassurance that funding for Cheadle Train Station will not be cut and that the Government's commitment to delivering this vital piece of infrastructure in my constituency will be unwavering.

Yours,

Tom Morrison
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