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Menston Parish Council
By email: menstonpc@hotmail.co.uk

22 October 2018

Dear Sir/Madam,

MENSTON RAIL STATION ACCESS FOR ALL FUNDING APPLICATION SUPPORT

West Yorkshire Combined Authority's aspiration is for all rail stations to be accessible as part of an inclusive integrated transport system. Connecting people to jobs, education, health services, supporting a better quality of life and lowering levels of isolation. Unfortunately rail stations still remain with outdated infrastructure meaning people with restricted mobility are unable to get from one platform to the other by a step-free route.

The Department for Transport (DfT) announced that up to £300 million will be made available to extend the Access for All programme nationally between 2019-2024 as part of its 'Inclusive Transport Strategy' (<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/next-steps-towards-a-fully-inclusive-transport-network>). The programme delivers an obstacle free, accessible route to and between platforms at rail stations including the addition of lifts/ramps. These types of station improvements cost circ. £2million per station and the Combined Authority and its local authority partners are currently not funded to deliver this type of scheme.

The Combined Authority together with the train operator, Northern is currently developing an application of station nominations which will be submitted to the DfT by the closing date 16 November 2018. I am pleased to inform you Menston station is nominated to be part of our application.

As part of the application there is a requirement to demonstrate the level of local support for improving the station. I am writing to ask if you could indicate your support in the form of a letter. This will help us to secure the much needed improvements at Menston. It would be helpful if we could secure your letter of support **by Friday 09 November 2018** addressed to Helen Ford, West Yorkshire Combined Authority, Wellington House, 40-50 Wellington Street, Leeds, LS1 2DE.

May I thank you in anticipation of your help.

Yours sincerely



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