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Oliver

It was a pleasure talking to you at my parliamentary surgery on Wednesday 30 November, however I was concerned to hear about the issues at Elstree and Borehamwood railway station you raised.

I have since spoken to Govia Thameslink Railway (GTR) about an extra exit and greater footbridge capacity you suggested to ease the crowding at peak periods. I am pleased to say the operator has confirmed that it will be conducting a feasibility study into providing a new station building that meets the growing passenger demand at Elstree and Borehamwood station. This study is due to be tendered now funding agreements are in place and will be awarded in the New Year. In the meantime GTR is widening entrance doors and creating new doors into the booking hall to help the flow of people at peak times. These works are due to be completed before the end of March 2017.

Unfortunately, GTR has advised me that the widening of the footbridges will not be possible at this time. With the current platform configuration, a larger bridge would take up too much space on the platform surface and would not allow safe pedestrian flows.

Thank you again for raising these issues with me, I hope this reply helps clarify the position.

With best wishes

Rt Hon Chris Grayling MP

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