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Dear Mr Halsal,

Network Rail have received a large number of requests from the council and residents over a number of years asking you to consider the state of the two rail bridges in Isleworth. These are the structures that carry the Hounslow loop line over London Road and St John's road respectively. The bridges harbour graffiti and vermin, and are generally in a poor state of maintenance and upkeep. This lack of maintenance, we feel, has a deleterious impact on the vibrancy of the public realm, impacting more generally on public attitudes and use of this space including, sadly, a now well established street drinking problem in the environs of your station.

In the short term we feel much could be achieved through undertaking some basic maintenance of these structures, and in particular the cleaning of graffiti and steps to remove pigeon infestation. We understand that there may be traffic management concerns around achieving this and I can commit that the Highway Authority will work constructively with you to facilitate these works.

In the longer term we would like to work with you to consider whether a more fundamental renewal of these structures to enhance the sense of place around the station could be achieved. We'd welcome any information from you on where such endeavours have been employed elsewhere successfully. We'd also welcome any relevant specifications or parameters that you would require us to adhere to in regards to asset protection that may be pertinent when looking at design for potential new fascia etc.

We look forward to hearing from how we can work in partnership to address these concerns. In particular I would welcome a named individual with whom we can work on these issues and confirmation that a site visit with that individual could be undertaken to discuss these matters early in the new year.

Yours sincerely,

**Cllr Steve Curran
Leader of the Council**