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Dear Mr Bartram

### **One Hour Later Underground Proposal**

Thank you for your recent letter in which you present an alternative to the “One Hour Later” proposal for the Underground. We appreciate your efforts to address the problems we, and others, had with the original proposal.

However, this alternative still fails to address the core problem of Underground operations at Heathrow. The Underground is out of step with operations at the airport in that it currently starts too late every day. A later start on Saturday morning is totally unacceptable.

As we explained in our response to the first consultation, passengers on early flights and staff on early shifts cannot use the Underground, thus undermining the surface access and environmental objectives of the airport, the local community, the Mayor of London and the government.

The users of the later services at weekends will probably be irregular users whilst those displaced will be regular users, i.e. staff; departing passengers with important flights to catch and passengers arriving on early flights.

We therefore strongly oppose any proposal in which the Underground starts later. We urge TfL to look at ways in which the Heathrow branch of the Piccadilly line can meet the requirements of the airport.

Yours sincerely

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