COUNCIL MEETING – 12TH SEPTEMBER NOTICE OF MOTION – STRATEGIC THEME MOTION

"This council notes, in the absence of any discussion on step free access to public transport in the Sustainable Communities Report, that:

- 1. The failure to provide complete step-free access to rail transport across the borough severely impacts the mobility of many residents of, and visitors to, the borough.
- 2. Despite the issue being raised periodically at Council level over the years there has been no meaningful progress to report.
- 3. The matter cannot be left until the various issues that continue to arise in respect of Cross Rail 2 are resolved.

This council resolves to ask:

- 1. The Cabinet to draw up a strategy for highlighting key accessibility issues at local stations, and outlining positive actions that Merton could take to help to mitigate these issues; and
- 2. The Cabinet to consider how Merton can effectively lobby, assist and encourage bids to the Department of Transport's "Access for All" and the Mayor's equivalent programmes to determine how Merton can secure monies to use in any potential match-funding bids."

Councillor Hina Bokhari

Councillor Paul Kohler

Councillor Eloise Bailey

