



ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS TOWN FORUM

8th June 2008

Mr Mike Gibson
Public Affairs Manager
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Friars Bridge Court
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London SE1 8PG

Dear Mr Gibson

Re: Tunbridge Wells mainline station improvements

Following communications with Network Rail I received a letter (copy enclosed) from Erin Tainsh advising me to contact you. In this letter she states that improvements to stations are matters that fall under control of train operators as part of agreements held between Network Rail and train operating companies.

As your company is responsible for the refurbishment of Tunbridge Wells mainline we would appreciate you making contact with the Town Forum so that we can discuss the present state of the station and what can be done/will be done to improve it.

We are aware of the listed status of the building and know this means you need to comply with regulations, but at the same time know of various areas which are run down and need attending to, which would not impact upon listing concerns.

This initial small amount of work would mean a great deal to residents, especially as the town celebrates the 100th anniversary of its "Royal" prefix next year. We feel sure you and your company would support our wish to see the town looking as attractive as possible for a requested Royal visit.

I know your company attends the Tunbridge Wells Borough Council Transport Forum, but would appreciate you coming to a meeting of the Royal Tunbridge Wells Town Forum so that we can openly discuss the refurbishment planned and hopefully come up with ideas you may find useful.

I would like to thank you in advance for your help and assistance in this matter and look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Thomas
Chairman
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