

1 October 2018

Kim Cowan  
Project Officer  
Stroud Town Council  
Thanet House  
58 London Road  
Stroud  
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Dear Ms Cowan

**Re: Department for Transport £300m of funding to improve access at Stations**

I write to confirm that I support your nomination for the application of funding from the Department of Transport to improve access at Stroud train station.

Your proposal to install lifts on the bridge to enable all rail users to conveniently use the services provided on only one side of the station (ticket machines and toilets) and improve access between the platforms which is currently particularly difficult for people with disabilities, is I understand something that the council have been pursuing for many years and something that is much needed by the students and families here at St. Rose's.

The provision of lifts would also avoid the need for disabled users to take an additional 10-15 minute journey around Cheapside and Rowcroft to move between platforms

St. Rose's School and St. Martin's Post 19 College, which educate and care for students with special needs, have students from all over Gloucestershire and other counties in the UK. St. Rose's is in close proximity to Stroud train station and on many occasions visitors to St. Rose's arrive and depart by train.

Yours faithfully



**Sheila Talwar**  
Principal



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