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Dear Lord Addington,

I am writing to you following the Second Reading of the Sporting Events Bill in the House of Lords on the 3 June 2026. I have placed a copy of this letter in the library of both Houses.

I would like to thank you for taking part in the bill's Second Reading and for raising an important question around the transport measures, raising that the bill does not include trains. You also highlighted the issues getting from London to Twickenham on the Lioness line, post a recent match at Wembley.

The bill's transport measures allow the Secretary of State to direct the preparation of a transport plan to support effective movement of spectators, athletes and officials for a qualifying sporting event. The plan could cover all modes of transport including aviation, rail, ferries and roads.

Previous major events have required bespoke legislation to extend powers under the Road Traffic Act 1984 for use at sporting events. This bill allows those powers to be retained on the statute book and activated for qualifying events when needed. No rail-specific provision is included, as existing legislative and operational frameworks are considered sufficient to support planning and delivery.

The Lioness Line is part of the Transport for London network, and TFL would likely be involved as part of any transport plan for major sporting events affecting London.

As the bill progresses, I would welcome your support as we take this important legislation forward and work across the House to enhance the UK's reputation as a world-leading host of major sporting events.

I would be very happy to meet to discuss this, or any other areas of the bill, in the coming days.

With best wishes,

Baroness Twycross
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