Croydon Conservatives

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Dear Sarah,

Zone4Croydon: do you still support your own campaign?

In 2014, you launched a campaign with disgraced Labour Council Leader Tony Newman and Steve Reed to move East Croydon and West Croydon stations into Zones 4/5. You relaunched it in 2019 and raised it again in Parliament in 2021.

Nearly twelve years, three launches and many press releases later, Croydon's stations remain firmly in Zone 5.

You argued that the change would save Croydon commuters hundreds of pounds a year, support local businesses and help regenerate our town centre. You highlighted the absurdity of East and West Croydon remaining in Zone 5 when stations further from central London are in Zone 4. You were right.

What is less clear is what your so-called campaigning has actually achieved.

You have now represented Croydon in Parliament for nearly a decade. Sadiq Khan has controlled City Hall and Transport for London since 2016. Labour now controls the Government and the Department for Transport, and you are yourself a government minister.

Steve Reed, yourself and former Labour Leader Tony Newman (2014)

There is nobody left for Labour to blame and no Conservative administration left for you to campaign against. For the first time since you launched *Zone4Croydon*, every part of government capable of delivering it is controlled by your own party.

Do you intend to continue your campaign now that securing the change requires you to persuade Labour colleagues rather than criticise Conservative opponents?

If so, Croydon Conservatives would be delighted to support you. We agree that residents deserve a fairer deal and that reclassification would help commuters, businesses and our town centre.

Perhaps you could begin by explaining what representations you have made since Labour entered government, what response you have received and when Croydon residents can expect to see some actual progress.

After nearly twelve years of zero progress, they are entitled to ask: are you the most ineffective Member of Parliament Croydon has ever had?

Yours sincerely,

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