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Ms T Phillips
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Dear Ms Phillips,

**CROSSRAIL TRAIN PROTECTION (PLAN B) - RAILWAY SAFETY REGULATIONS
1999 EXEMPTION APPLICATION**

I write with reference to the above consultation.

My Executive Committee have instructed me to inform you that members working without a full safety system in place is not acceptable to ASLEF.

ASLEF therefore rejects the granting of the exemption that would be required to permit operation of Crossrail Class 345 rolling stock from 20th May 2018 to 31st December 2019 on the area of Western route below should ETCS not be available in readiness for initial operation.

Yours sincerely

Mick Whelan 
General Secretary 