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No Breakthrough in J Door Talks

Earlier today Senior H&S Reps and ASLEF Head Office officials met with LU management to hear their proposals regarding cab security on London Underground trains. Unfortunately LU went over much of the same ground already covered in the last three years of talks.

LU has proposed installing 'safe glass' on the J Doors which they admitted to us could be broken into by "an elderly lady" - never mind a passenger intent on causing harm. We advised them that this is not the solution to the issue and the doors can be opened by keys widely available in many shops. They also said that Magnetic Locks, our preferred solution, could not be installed until 2023 *at the earliest*. They added that they don't even know if it is the right solution. Finally they proposed workshops to discuss and *explore* solutions.

Our preferred solution is a magnetic lock on the J Door which will both be secure when required and accessible in the event of an emergency. Although we understand that this presents various challenges with the different stocks across the combine, we believe that these are not insurmountable. However, LU would not even give us a commitment that they would pursue this form of protection for drivers.

We made it clear to management that talk of possible magnetic locks by 2023 at the earliest is completely unacceptable and London Underground must bring this date forward. Further, while we are always prepared to talk to management, we will not be fobbed off with vague commitments about 'workshops' – a classic tactic to kick issues into the long grass.

The dispute continues and it is clear that only a strong yes vote will concentrate London Underground's minds and ensure they commit to providing genuinely secure cabs for drivers across the combine.

Vote YES and return for a Secure Cab!