

# MAYOR OF LONDON

**Sian Berry AM**

By email

**Our ref:**

**Date:** 20 September 2023

Dear Sian,

Thank you for presenting a petition at the London Assembly Plenary meeting on 6 July regarding transport in Mortlake, East Sheen, Barnes and Kew. As Deputy Mayor for Transport, I am responding on the Mayor's behalf.

I understand that local residents have concerns about the potential impact of new developments on transport infrastructure in the area. I want to assure you that Transport for London (TfL) is working closely with London Borough of Richmond upon Thames to assess the impact of proposed developments in the area on public transport and local streets.

The level of development proposed for the area reflects the housing targets and anticipated growth in employment for Richmond as set out in the London Plan. TfL has carried out strategic modelling to ensure that the level of growth throughout London can be supported by transport infrastructure and management measures, which are set out in the Mayor's Transport Strategy and the London Plan. I hope you will appreciate that such developments are vital in ensuring everyone in London has somewhere to live, work and be safe.

Developers across London are required to carry out transport assessments and agree to provide or fund transport improvements to ensure that new housing and employment development can take place without detriment to the local transport network. These assessments must also consider the cumulative impacts of other nearby developments.

At this stage, TfL believes that there is no need for an independent transport consultant to advise on planned developments. Officers at TfL and Richmond Council remain actively engaged in securing measures and transport infrastructure enhancements they have identified as necessary to mitigate the cumulative transport impacts from proposed developments in the area.

Across London, TfL works with boroughs to secure active travel measures as part of development proposals in line with standing advice agreed with Active Travel England. TfL will continue to work with Richmond officers to ensure active travel is prioritised and that, as well as supporting growth, employment and education, the planned developments also enhance local public transport options.

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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Seb Dance". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly informal style.

**Seb Dance**

Deputy Mayor for Transport