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Dear Caroline,

Thank you for presenting the petition on behalf of residents in Streatham Hill about the exit-only junction from Tierney Road onto the A23. Please accept my apologies for not responding to you sooner.

I understand that Transport for London (TfL) has facilitated a site visit with you and local residents to discuss this scheme. TfL has worked to understand the implications of the various design options for Tierney Road and has communicated with you regarding the advantages and disadvantages of the different options.

There are constraints on the site and nearby bus stops, so the current design process provides the fewest disadvantages whilst retaining bus stops T and TA and preventing cars cutting through residential areas rather than using main roads. In addition, the options that allow the left turn from Tierney Road have significant disadvantages to over 3,000 bus passengers using the buses on a daily basis.

The first option would make Tierney Road exit only onto the A23 and therefore would require splitting bus stops T and TA either side of Tierney Road to allow for a left turn from the road onto the A23. This has disadvantages for a large number of bus passengers who use both of these stops to board northbound buses, as they would be approximately 40-50 metres apart. This would disadvantage all bus passengers, and particularly those with mobility issues. It may cause a safety concern with passengers moving between the stops to catch the first bus arriving and having to cross Tierney Road.

The second option would relocate the bus stops further south on the A23 with the introduction of exit only from Tierney Road. This would require moving the bus stops T and TA to the south to allow for the left turn from Tierney Road. There is also residential access on this road and this would require gaps in the floating bus stop island for vehicular access to these properties. This would mean that sections of the bus stop would not provide accessible kerb heights for getting on and off the bus, which does not adhere to our Accessible Bus Stop design guidance.

TfL has carefully considered the operation of this junction, and the current design option provides the most benefits. We recognise that whilst vehicles exiting Tierney Road to travel north have a slightly longer journey, this is outweighed by the positive impact to over 3,000 bus passengers daily and the potential safety concerns related to the other options.

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Consequently, TfL is progressing the current design, which retains the bus stops T and TA next to each other whilst closing Tierney Road at the junction with the A23.

Yours sincerely,

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Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London