

# GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

Our reference: MGLA050126-1122

27 January 2026

Thank you for your request for information which the Greater London Authority (GLA) received on 1 January 2026. Your request has been considered under the Environmental Information Regulations (EIR) 2004.

## **You requested:**

I am making a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to the Greater London Authority in respect of the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan.

I request copies of all communications between the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, and the following bus manufacturers, or their representatives, from 1 December 2024 to the date of this request: Irizar, Alexander Dennis, BYD, Equipmake, Optare, Switch Mobility, Yutong, Volvo, Ryze Hydrogen/Ryze Power, NewPower, Wrightbus, and Bamford Bus Company.

This request covers, but is not limited to, emails, letters, briefing notes, meeting invitations, agendas, minutes, attachments and any other correspondence held by the Mayor's Office, the Greater London Authority, Transport for London, or any other part of the GLA that holds such communications.

Where possible, please provide the communications in electronic form. Where records cannot be released in full, please provide a description or summary of the withheld information and explain which exemptions under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 you have relied upon.

This request is a follow-up to a previous disclosure referenced as MGLA051224-6107 on your disclosure log, and I am seeking any further relevant communications within the timeframe specified above.

What would you like us to do?

Please treat this as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and conduct a search for the information described in the "Message details" section.

Please provide copies of all information within scope in electronic format (for example, PDF or electronic copies of emails and documents) sent to my email address. Where

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information is withheld, please identify the relevant exemptions and explain why they apply.

## **Our response to your request is as follows:**

Please find attached the information that the GLA holds within the scope of your request.

Please note that some names of members of staff are exempt from disclosure under s.40 (Personal information) of the Freedom of Information Act. This information could potentially identify specific employees and as such constitutes as personal data which is defined by Article 4(1) of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) to mean any information relating to an identified or identifiable living individual. It is considered that disclosure of this information would contravene the first data protection principle under Article 5(1) of GDPR which states that Personal data must be processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner in relation to the data subject.

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference MGLA050126-1122.

## **Information Governance Officer**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 31, 2025 1:09 PM  
**To:** Mayor of London <mayor@london.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Support for UK Bus Manufacturing

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Dear Mayor Khan

Please find attached letter in regard to Support for UK Bus Manufacturing.

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]

CEO  
Wrightbus





31 July 2025

Sir Sadiq Khan  
Mayor of London  
City Hall  
Kamal Churchie Way  
London  
E16 1ZE

Dear Mayor Khan,

### **Support for UK Bus Manufacturing**

I am writing in response to your recent joint op-ed with the Leader of the Scottish Labour Party, published in *The Scotsman* on 29 July.

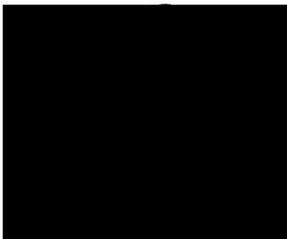
Wrightbus welcomes your commitment to prioritising domestic jobs through public transport procurement. As you rightly suggest, Combined Authorities now have a significant opportunity to drive decarbonisation while stimulating both regional and national economic growth by supporting UK-based bus manufacturers.

As you will be aware, Wrightbus, headquartered in Ballymena, Northern Ireland, is Europe's fastest-growing bus manufacturer. Since Jo Bamford acquired the company in 2019, we have expanded from just 50 employees to nearly 2,400. This growth has been driven by our focus on engineering world-leading zero-emission buses – including the world's first hydrogen-powered double-decker which entered service in London.

We are proud to have a long history of working with Transport for London, with over 4,000 Wrightbus products currently operating in the capital, and a further 79 vehicles to be delivered shortly. We continue to support UK manufacturing by sourcing supplies for our buses from 47 counties across the union, and each £1 generated by Wrightbus contributes £3 to the wider UK economy.

We sincerely hope that your commitment to boosting British jobs extends fairly and equally to all UK-based bus manufacturers. Wrightbus remains keen to continue supporting Transport for London to achieve the ambition of converting the entire London bus fleet to zero emissions by 2030 in a manner which boosts domestic jobs and economic growth.

Your sincerely,



CEO Wrightbus

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**From:** [Mayor's Inbox](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: MGLA310725-1334 FW: Support for UK Bus Manufacturing  
**Date:** 14 January 2026 15:12:15  
**Attachments:** [310725-1334.pdf](#)

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter to the Mayor.

Please see his reply attached.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

Mayor's Office

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# MAYOR OF LONDON

██████████  
CEO  
Wrightbus  
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**Our ref:** MGLA310725-1334

**Date:** 19 September 2025

Dear ██████████

Thank you for your letter outlining your support for my commitment to supporting UK bus manufacturing.

I remember very well my visit to Wrightbus in Ballymena in 2022 and the benefits I saw there of London's investment in zero-emission buses. I can assure you that my commitment to supporting manufacturing jobs extends throughout the United Kingdom. The pipeline of bus orders I referred to in my article in *The Scotsman* would greatly benefit all UK manufacturers.

I understand that Wrightbus has been very successful at winning orders for new zero-emission buses to be introduced into service in London in the coming years, and I welcome this. I was delighted to officially launch London's 2,000<sup>th</sup> zero-emission bus, built by Wrightbus, earlier this year. Successful partnership working between Transport for London, the bus operating companies and manufacturers is essential to the successful transition of London's bus fleet to full zero-emission operation, and Wrightbus is playing a huge role in this.

As you say in your letter, investment in new zero-emission buses is beneficial for our whole country, and I welcome news of your continued expansion to support nearly 2,400 jobs in Ballymena. This is a clear example of the benefits of investment in London and other UK cities being felt across our whole country.

I look forward to seeing more Ballymena-built buses on London's streets and your continued contribution to the strength of the Northern Irish and UK economies.

Yours sincerely,



**Sir Sadiq Khan**  
Mayor of London

# Alexander Dennis: Consultation update

## Overview

Alexander Dennis, a subsidiary of NFI Group Inc, is a leading UK bus and coach manufacturer. Due to a significant and increasing number of orders for zero-emission buses being placed with overseas manufacturers on 11 June the company announced a consultation proposal to consolidate its UK manufacturing operations into a single site in Scarborough; this consolidation would affect our Larbert and Falkirk sites with the potential loss of up to 400 jobs across our UK business. This was an extremely difficult decision and was taken to protect and safeguard the future of the business and ensure financial sustainability in the face of a challenging UK market.

## Current position

The decision has been taken to extend the consultation period till 15 August as a minimum to allow more time to engage both with affected workers and wider stakeholders. Our focus throughout this process remains on our people and continuing to ensure they are supported. We are grateful for the continued engagement from the Scottish and UK Government, Unite, the GMB, and all political stakeholders.

Through the consultation process Alexander Dennis has engaged with Unite and the GMB on the possibility of maintaining some form of manufacturing capacity in Scotland centred around chassis manufacturing. This sits alongside our efforts to secure fresh orders in Scotland. We continue to welcome support from stakeholders to ensure the future of our manufacturing sites in Scotland.

## Timeline of key events

Alexander Dennis has continually engaged constructively with Union representatives and the UK and Scottish Government.

- **Consultation [launches](#)** 11 June 2025 on a new strategy for Alexander Dennis UK operations.
- **Scottish Government [statement](#)** is made on 19 June 2025. The Deputy First Minister acknowledges the establishment of a cross-governmental working group between Scottish and UK departments and discussions around a possible furlough scheme are discussed.
- **First Scottish Parliament Economy and Fair Work Committee** session [held](#) on 25 June with Robert Deavy (Senior Organiser for Manufacturing, GMB Scotland) and Derek Thomson (Unite Scotland's Regional Secretary).
- **Second Scottish Parliament Economy and Fair Work Committee** session [held](#) 26 June with Paul Davies (president and Managing director, Alexander Dennis) and Debbie McCreath (External Affairs and Marketing Director, Alexander Dennis).
- **Consultation extension [announced](#)** on 1 July. Alexander Dennis confirms the earliest possible closing date will now be 15 August, two weeks longer than the 45-day minimum consultation period.

- **Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government, Shona Robison MSP** [wrote](#) to the Economy and Fair Work Committee on 2<sup>nd</sup> July outlining discussions were taking place with officials concerning a potential company furlough scheme.
- **Minister for Local Transport, Simon Lightwood MP** [states](#) an output of the UK Bus Manufacturing Panel will be a ten-year pipeline of projected bus orders.
- **Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer MP**, [states](#) at Prime Minister's Questions that an urgent meeting of the Bus Manufacturing Expert Panel will take place with Labour Mayors.

## Ongoing challenges and key asks

Discussions with parties involved in the cross-governmental working continue to focus on key challenges which need to be addressed in the short and medium to long term to secure the future of our manufacturing base in Scotland.

- **Short term:**
  - **Furlough scheme:** There is a need to bridge the gap from the consultation period to when any new orders may come through.
  - **Fresh Orders:** Fresh orders of 70 buses in 2025 and 320 in 2026 are an essential part of the solution and must accompany any proposed furlough scheme. Those fresh order numbers would allow the current employee headcount to be kept at both Falkirk and Larbert.
- **Long term:**
  - **Direct Procurement:** Contracting authorities should either be encouraged or advised they can prioritise the UK manufacturers within existing frameworks through voluntarily disregarding bids from non-treaty state suppliers including China.
  - **Subsidy Control Act:** A level playing field for domestic manufacturers needs to be created. Reform of the Subsidy Control Act and policy which recognises social value is essential.
  - **Low emission vs zero emission:** Consideration should be given to current market mix and the sale of low emission buses in the medium term. These are not subject to the same competitive disadvantage with foreign manufacturers and as such would help support domestic manufacturers prior to the UK Government prohibiting the sale of low emission buses.

This is a challenging time for our business and our people, and we are grateful for the active engagement from the Scottish and UK Governments and other political parties and stakeholders to discuss options and possible interventions.

It is clear there is a shared ambition to ensure the Scottish and UK manufacturing industry is protected and can thrive and we are continuing to actively explore alternative solutions. With the consultation set to close as early as 15 August, we hope that we can progress these important discussions to reach a cross-nation, collaborative solution.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Mayor of London](#)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Briefing from Alexander Dennis - consultation update  
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Dear Mayor Khan

Please find attached a briefing on the current consultation at Alexander Dennis for 400 jobs, it includes some of the key challenges and asks we have for the future. While the majority of the impact is Scottish operations, we need to see change at a UK level for our wider business to be sustainable in the long term.

Hopefully this information is helpful ahead of both the Labour Mayor bus summit led by Anas Sarwar, and the extraordinary meeting of the UK Bus Manufacturing panel hosted by UK Government.

Many thanks

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