

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

Our reference: MGLA110526-9641

27 May 2026

Dear

Thank you for your request for information which the Greater London Authority (GLA) received on 10 May 2026. Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

You requested:

I am aware of previous information released regarding Wrightbus under FOI request reference numbers MGLA111019-4645¹, MGLA111119-6711², and MGLA040121-2978³. However, I believe there are further communications that were not captured in those releases.

Please provide the following information:

1. Communications involving Volvo and both the Mayor of London, Boris Johnson, and the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, during the period from 1st January 2015 to 31st December 2018.
2. All additional communications involving Wrightbus during the years 2015 and 2016 that were not included in the responses to the aforementioned FOI requests. I believe there are further communications that took place, particularly in relation to the unveiling and development of the new variant of the New Routemaster (the SRM) during 2016.

For the avoidance of doubt, by 'communications' I include direct correspondence between the Mayors/the Mayor's Office and the companies, as well as correspondence between GLA officials acting on behalf of, or reporting to, the Mayors regarding these companies.

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

¹ [FOI - Communications with British Bus manufacturers | London City Hall](#)

² [EIR - Future plans for ultra low emission buses in London | London City Hall](#)

³ [FOI - Communications with UK bus manufacturers \[Jan 2021\] | London City Hall](#)

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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 MGLA110526-9641.

Yours sincerely

Information Governance Officer

If you are unhappy with the way the GLA has handled your request, you may complain using the GLA's FOI complaints and internal review procedure, available at:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/governance-and-spending/sharing-our-information/freedom-information>

MAYOR OF LONDON

Arlene Foster MLA

First Minister

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Our ref: MGLA040216-4515

Date:

12 FEB 2016

Dear Arlene, Dear Martin

Many thanks for your letter of 2 February. As you know, I am keen to support UK manufacturing where possible, and I am particularly proud of our relationship with Wrightbus and Ballymena.

There will soon be 805 New Routemaster buses from Wrightbus on London's roads. I am very pleased to say that Transport for London's Board recently gave financial authority for the purchase of up to 195 more of these buses. The terms of the order will need to be negotiated by the team at TfL, but I do hope we will be able to proceed and support Wrightbus and its jobs for some time to come.

It is my intention to visit Ballymena soon to discuss the order with the company. I hope I will be able to see you then.

Yours ever,



Boris Johnson

Mayor of London

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Our ref: MGLA090816-1618

Date: 13 SEP 2016

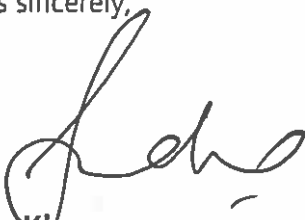


Thank you for your letter and kind invitation to visit your constituency and visit Wrightbus to discuss transport in London.

I am very sorry but, whilst I am extremely grateful for the invitation, I am afraid that my schedule is extremely busy over the coming months, so I am unable to accept your invitation at this time.

Thank you again for writing.

Yours sincerely,



Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London

MAYOR OF LONDON



Nick Page

Managing Director
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Date: 20 APR 2015

Dear Nick

Meeting to discuss future plans for ultra low emission buses in London

Thank you for meeting with me on 25 February to discuss my future plans for ultra low emission buses in London. I found our discussion extremely helpful and am much encouraged that you share my aspirations to increase dramatically the number of ultra low emission buses in London, including zero emission buses like electric and hydrogen fuel-cell vehicles. As you are no doubt aware, this is an issue with strong cross-party support within the Assembly as well. I was also pleased that you supported improving the design of buses used in London and incorporating New Routemaster DNA in your future designs to create a more clearly recognisable and consistent family of bus models.

In addition to thanking you for attending, I am writing to update you on developments since we met and to set out next steps for taking forward our discussion.

As you may have heard, on Thursday 26 March 2015 I confirmed the introduction of the Ultra Low Emission Zone in 2020. In addition to requiring cars, vans, coaches, private hire vehicles and lorries to meet new emission standards, I have also committed TfL to ensuring that by 2020 all double deck buses operating in central London will be hybrid and meet the Euro VI standard (with the exception of the 300 existing New Routemasters) and that all single deck buses will be zero emission at tailpipe (i.e. electric or hydrogen fuel cell).

As I set out when we met, this will require continued reductions in the capital premium TfL currently pays as well as improvements in the lifetime operating costs of these vehicles compared to conventional diesel buses. Mike Weston, Director of Buses at TfL will be meeting with each of you to explore what further action will be taken to help achieve this.

Just as one example, TfL have already accepted a tender to convert the entire 312 bus route to electric buses. I want to build on this achievement as soon as possible and believe that routes 507 and 512, which are now out to tender, are excellent candidates to be entirely operated using electric buses. I would encourage you to work with bus operators so that they can bid on this basis.

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Finally, since we met, the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group has launched its Clean Bus Declaration at the Conference of Latin American Mayors in Buenos Aires. So far, 20 cities have signed the declaration with more expected to join shortly, underlining the global commitment to reducing emissions from our bus fleets. These cities have committed to purchasing 40,000 ultra low emission buses (e.g. hybrid, electric and hydrogen) by 2020. This equates to around 30 per cent of their total bus fleets.

As you know, I am keen to hold a follow up summit in London on 29 June 2015. I enclose the presentation that Kevin Austin, Director of Initiatives at C40, gave to you in the session following our meeting. He would welcome any comments you may have on this to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]@c40.org). [REDACTED] will also be in touch to arrange follow up sessions with your staff.

Yours ever,



Boris Johnson
Mayor of London

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MAYOR OF LONDON

David Barnett
Product Director
Wrightbus
[REDACTED]

Date: 20 DEC 2016

Dear David,

I am writing to thank you for all your hard work in making the Zero Emission Bus Conference such a success.

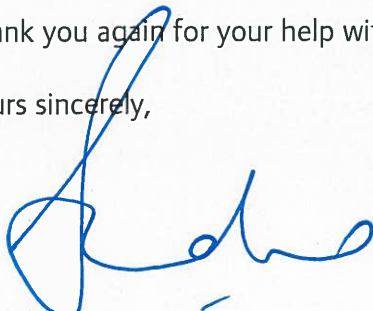
I was thrilled to unveil the double decker hydrogen bus and I appreciate the time you took to give me a tour and explain the technology. This prototype is a great step forward and I hope to see it in the London bus fleet very soon.

As you know I want London to become a world leader in hydrogen and electric bus technology, creating a race to the top that will benefit all cities. More hydrogen buses will be included in the Transport for London fleet in the following years, and I am pleased to hear that you are working closely with them to move this trial forward.

London is a leader in innovation and trialling new technology, and I am determined that we use this strength to tackle poor air quality in our city.

Thank you again for your help with this event.

Yours sincerely,



Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London

Nick Page

Managing Director
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Date: 18 FEB 2015

Dear Mr Page

Meeting to discuss future plans for ultra-low emission buses in London

Thank you for accepting my invitation to attend a joint meeting with myself and other major bus manufacturers serving the London market. I am now writing with further details about what we will be discussing as well as information on logistical arrangements.

The meeting will be held in my office at **City Hall, The Queen's Walk, More London, London SE1 2AA** at **15:00** on **Wednesday 25 February**. This meeting will be followed by a separate briefing by Kevin Austin, Director of Initiatives, Regions, and Events at the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group on a new global clean bus declaration and proposals for a London summit in summer 2015. I expect both meetings to last no longer than an hour and a half. To keep the meeting focused I regret that each company can only send one representative and this must be at a suitably senior level (i.e. Chief Executive or Managing Director).

As you know, improving air quality and tackling climate change have been priorities for me since I was elected. Over the past seven years, I have presided over Europe's largest fleet roll out of hybrid buses, including our ground-breaking New Routemaster, as well as promoted early adoption of all-electric and hydrogen fuel-cell buses. I want to quickly reach the point where all buses entering the Transport for London (TfL) bus fleet are ultra-low emission, but this switch will only occur in the volumes required if more cost-effective and sustainable options become available – an acceleration point which has proved frustratingly elusive to reach to date. Consequently, I would like to discuss my aspirations in more detail with you and how we can work together to make these a reality.

In my discussions with Mayors of other world cities, it has become clear that they share my aspirations and concerns about current capital premiums for ultra-low emission buses. Increasingly, we expect ultra-low emission buses to become the standard vehicle for all our fleets. We are keen to address the barriers to this once and for all to unlock the true potential of new technologies that best tackle the environmental problems our cities face. Working through C40, cities across the world are signing up to a new Global Declaration for Clean Buses that will be announced at an event in Buenos Aires in March. Following this, I am keen to host a London summit this summer to discuss the relevant issues with manufacturers, leasing companies, public transport operators, multi-lateral development banks and other funding agencies. I have asked C40 to provide a short briefing after we have met to set this out in more detail and explain the next steps for the London summit. Working together, I believe we can unlock a significant and exciting market opportunity for bus manufacturers.

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I hope you find this of interest and I am looking forward to meeting you on 25 February. In the meantime, should you have any questions, please feel free to contact [REDACTED] my Air Quality Manager, on [REDACTED] or by email at [REDACTED] [@london.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@london.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely



Boris Johnson
Mayor of London