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Dear Peter

Transport issues for the 2012 Games

I am writing, on behalf of the Transport Committee, in relation to some concerns that have recently been raised about transport for the 2012 Games. The issues are listed below and we would welcome urgent responses on these issues.

- The recent closure of the M4 between junctions 2 and 3 due to the crack on the Boston Manor flyover and the contingency arrangements should it need to be closed again during the Games.
- The lessons learned from the recent test event at London Bridge station and the contingency arrangements should the pedestrian bridge between Hay's Galleria and the station over Tooley Street currently closed for repair not re-open before the start of the Games.
- The possibility that cyclists using the Games lanes will be fined and the scope to alter the ORN regulations so cyclists are not subject to penalties for using the Games lanes.
- The provisions for taxi drivers to pick up and set down passengers on the ORN including in the Games lanes.
- The closure of the Lea towpath during the Games and the scope to reverse this decision in light of the inconvenience caused to many pedestrians and cyclists and the sustainable transport aspirations for the Games.
- The potential for major congestion for residents in the Wapping area due to increased traffic from tourist coaches and the parking space that will be provided for these coaches to mitigate this issue.

We recognise that some of these matters are not necessarily the responsibility of TfL so this letter has been copied to other relevant transport authorities. We would welcome any responses that can be provided including any verbal updates that you and Isabel can provide on these matters at the informal briefing on 2012 transport on Friday 20 July 2012.

Yours sincerely

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Chair of the Transport Committee

Cc: Isabel Dedring, Deputy Mayor for Transport; Richard George, Director of Transport, LOCOG; Hugh Sumner, Director of Transport, ODA; and Graham Dalton, Chief Executive of Highways Agency