


## Nine Elms to Pimlico Bridge

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To: Mayor (mayor@london.gov.uk)

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Dear Boris

As I hope you are aware Wandsworth Council has now launched a competition to design a new pedestrian and cycle bridge across the Thames between Nine Elms and Pimlico. I am writing to explain more about it and to ask for your support in bringing this project to the front of our city's transport agenda.

This is a bridge London needs. It has a strong business case and the forecast daily usage is 18,000 journeys every day, split evenly between those on bike and those on foot. It would plug the large gap between Chelsea and Vauxhall bridges, providing another direct route through central London and supporting the shift towards zero emission, sustainable travel options.

The bridge is also part of the infrastructure package needed to support growth in Nine Elms and Vauxhall. Tens of thousand of new jobs and homes are now being created here alongside billions in growth and tax receipts.

The case for the bridge is clear but it is far from a done deal. There are some complex design and engineering challenges and like any major project it has to win hearts and minds. This competition will focus talent from across the globe on investigating the design solutions and creating a piece of architecture Londoners will want to see built across their river.

By July 2015 the winning proposal will be selected and we will see if the process has been a success. I am not asking you to endorse the unseen design, but I do hope you can support this competition and its aims. This is about delivering a genuinely useful infrastructure project for our growing city and harnessing the creativity of the world's best architects and engineers.

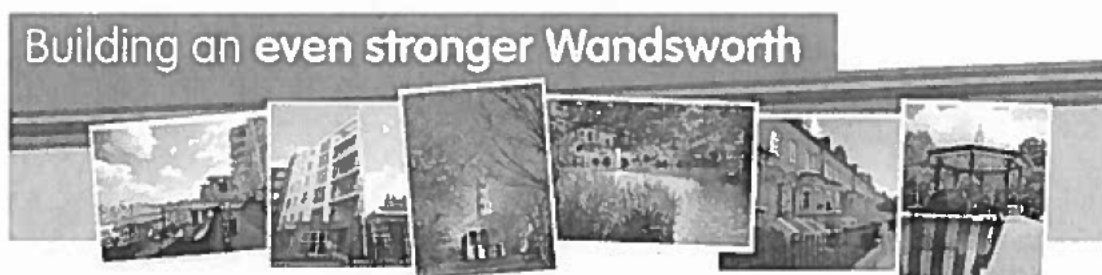
I have attached a short note summarising the project. A more detailed description and brief is available online - [www.nepbridgecompetition.co.uk](http://www.nepbridgecompetition.co.uk).

I hope you find this useful and I'd be happy to meet / talk on the phone if you would like to discuss the project further.

Kind Regards

Ravi

Councillor Ravi Govindia  
Leader of Wandsworth Council



# **Nine Elms to Pimlico Bridge**

## **DESIGN COMPETITION**

Two stage competition challenging architects and engineers to develop inspiring designs for a new river crossing linking the Nine Elms district with the Pimlico embankment.

Stage 1 (Dec 2014 – March 2015) – prove capability & submit concepts. Entries publicised and shortlist selected.

Stage 2 (March 2015 - July 2015) – competitive dialogue with shortlisted teams. Winner selected by jury panel and winning designs published.

Jury panel includes architect Graham Stirk, engineer Henry Bardsley and CABI chair Pam Alexander.

## **TRANSPORT CASE**

Part of the package of transport upgrades needed to sustain growth in Nine Elms – 20,000 homes and 25,000 jobs from a mainly brownfield industrial district.

Bridge would plug a 1.8km gap between Chelsea and Vauxhall Bridges. Central London average is 600m.

Bridge would sustain 9k cycle and 9k pedestrian crossings per day.

Provide new cycle friendly connection to cycle superhighway 8 along Grosvenor Road

Benefit/Cost Ratio (2.1:1) above Department for Transport 'high value for money' threshold.

## **KEY DESIGN CHALLENGES**

- Managing cycle and pedestrian traffic and provide convenient, safe access from both shores
- Provide headroom and space for river traffic
- Create landing points that enhance public realm
- Architecture sensitive to different urban characteristics of each shoreline
- Design to win hearts and minds

## **BUDGET**

£26m is budgeted for the bridge. Match funding required and all solutions will be explored – private and public. Bridge will be a driver for growth, jobs and inward investment in Nine Elms.

## **LOCATION**

TfL's bridge feasibility report identifies several landing options. Final location to be agreed at competition Stage 2 following design assessments.

## **DELIVERY DATE**

Subject to planning and financing package, construction could commence from 2018.

**MORE INFORMATION** - [www.nepbridgecompetition.co.uk](http://www.nepbridgecompetition.co.uk)

# MAYOR OF LONDON

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Dear Ravi

Thank you for your email and attachment of 15 December 2014.

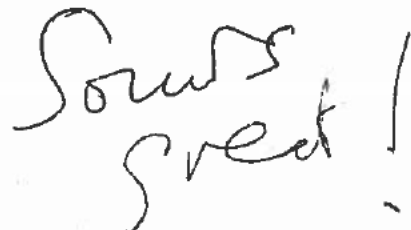
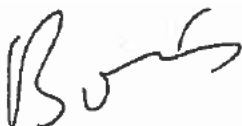
I am indeed aware that Wandsworth Council has recently launched a design competition for a new pedestrian and cycle bridge at Nine Elms, and am grateful to you for explaining the background in more detail.

I agree that a new bridge at this location could have a number of benefits for new and existing residents and visitors alike. However, the scheme is not without its challenges and imaginative solutions will be required if these challenges are to be overcome. The design competition provides an excellent opportunity for doing just that, and in that respect is I believe a positive step forward.

Completion of the design competition in summer 2015 would represent a good opportunity to review progress made to date and discussing potential next steps. I would be happy for officers from the Greater London Authority and Transport for London to be involved in these discussions when the time comes. In the meantime, I wish you every success with the competition and would welcome being kept up to date on progress.

Thank you again for writing to me.

Yours ever,



**Boris Johnson**  
Mayor of London

## Shortlist unveiled for Nine Elms to Pimlico bridge competition

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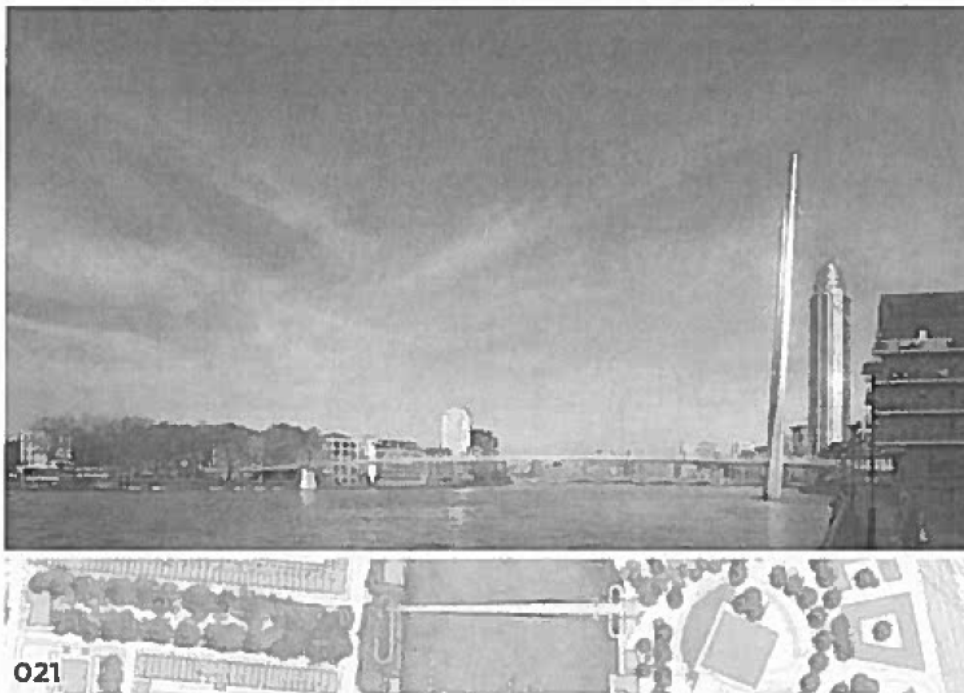
Today Wandsworth Council has announced a shortlist of four professional teams who have made it through to the second stage of the Nine Elms to Pimlico bridge design competition.

This contest attracted 74 entries from across the globe so we have had quite a job in narrowing the field. Each of our four chosen teams has demonstrated an exciting, viable set of initial design ideas and a clear understanding of the challenges that lie ahead in developing a detailed bridge proposal.

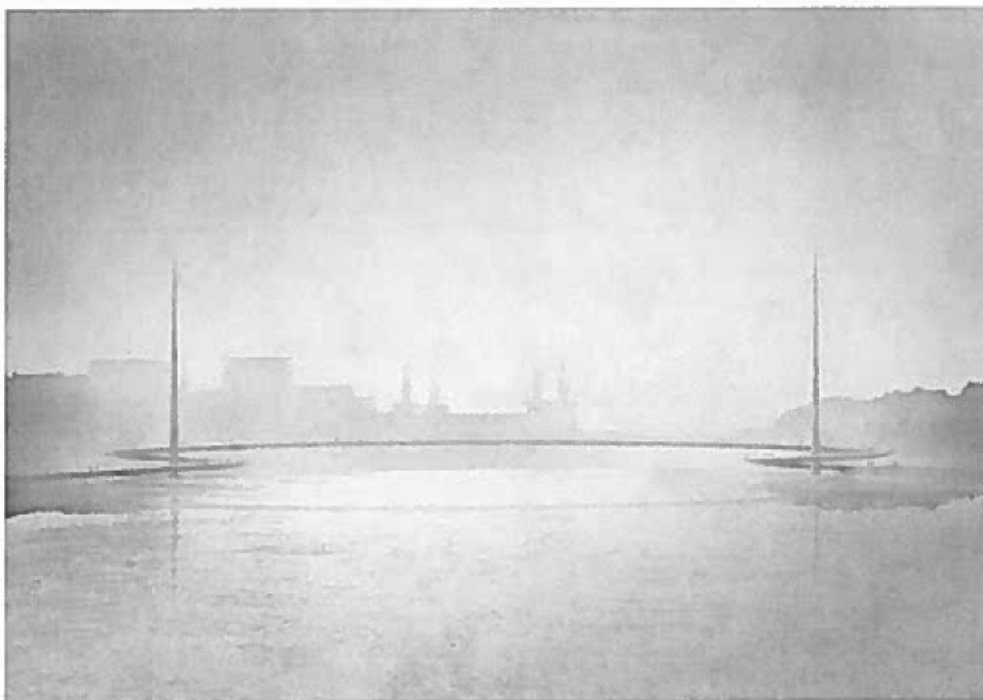
It is early days still but these highly skilled teams give us the very best possible chance of designing a beautiful new Thames bridge for this part of the river which is also a valuable pedestrian and cycle link.

The successful teams are:

☐ Buro Happold Limited - with Marks Barfield Architects, J&L Gibbons Landscape Architects, Gardiner and Theobald



☐ Bystrup Architecture Design and Engineering - with Robin Snell & Partners, Sven Ole Hansen ApS, Aarsleff and  
☐ F Lighting



d Ove Arup & Partners Ltd - with AL\_A, Gross Max, Equals Consulting and Movement Strategies



d Ove Arup & Partners Ltd with - Hopkins Architects and Grant Associates



The second stage of the competition will see the shortlisted teams develop their initial ideas into detailed designs and we hope to announce the winning team in late autumn this year.

Yours sincerely

Ravi Govindia

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# MAYOR OF LONDON

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Date: 14 APR 2015

Dear Ravi

**Re: Shortlist for Nine Elms to Pimlico bridge competition**

Thank you for your email of 17 March about the shortlist of designs for the new pedestrian and cycle bridge at Nine Elms and Pimlico.

I am delighted that this project is moving forward and that you have had such interest from a wide range of well-respected architects. As you know, I am a strong supporter of the creation of new connections across the Thames, linking people to new job and housing opportunities, and this bridge, one of six new crossings currently being developed, will play a key role in improving our infrastructure.

Thank you again for writing and for keeping me informed of how the scheme is progressing.

Yours ever,



**Boris Johnson**  
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