

# GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

**(By email)**

Our reference: MGLA020221-5173

Date: 18 May 2022

Dear

Thank you for your request for information which the Greater London Authority (GLA) received on 1 February 2021 and Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested:

1. *...all official correspondence between the Mayor of London and government officials from the People's Republic of China from the period of January 2015-December 2015.*
2. *I would like to request under the Freedom of Information Act the following information, what contact staff at the Greater London Authority have had with Chinese state linked enterprises between the period of January 2020-December 2020?*
  - Huawei
  - ByteDance and its subsidiary TikTok
  - China Huaneng Group
  - China National Offshore Oil Corporation
  - China General Nuclear Power
  - Jingye
  - Geely
  - Agricultural Bank of China
  - Bank of China
  - China Construction Bank Corporation

Our response to your request is as follows:

Firstly, please accept our apologies for the significant delay in responding to your request.

On 29 January 2021 we wrote to you to ask for clarification, in particular which Government officials you wanted us to search for. On 2 February 2021, you responded to our request for clarification but did not provide a list of names. I have therefore searched our correspondence management system (which records all incoming correspondence submitted via our website and [mayor@london.gov.uk](mailto:mayor@london.gov.uk) and our responses) against the following names who are listed<sup>1</sup> as government officials and the companies you have identified for the timeframe you are seeking:

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<sup>1</sup> [List of leaders of the People's Republic of China - Wikipedia](#)

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- Xi Jinping
- Li Keqiang
- Zhou Qiang
- Zhang Dejiang
- Yu Zhengsheng
- Cao Jianming
- Hu Jintao
- Wu Bangguo
- Wen Jiabao
- Jia Qinglin
- Wang Shengjun
- Liu Xiaoming
- Wang Anshun

Please find attached a copy of the information we hold in relation to the above searches that fall within scope of the timeframe specified.

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference MGLA020221-5173.

Yours sincerely

## **Information Governance Officer**

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

# MAYOR OF LONDON

**H.E. Mr Liu Xiaoming**

Ambassador  
Embassy of the People's Republic of China  
49/51 Portland Place  
London 1B 1JL

**Date: 08 JUN 2015**

Dear Ambassador

I would like formally to invite Mr Guo Jinlong, Secretary of CPC Beijing Municipal Committee and Member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee, and his delegation, to visit the UK between 18 and 22 June.

I would be delighted to meet with Mr Guo, at City Hall, to discuss key issues faced by large cities such as London and Beijing. I am also pleased that Roger Evans, the Deputy Mayor of London, will open and co-host the Night of Beijing Concert and Exhibition with Mr Guo and yourself on 21 June.

Trade and investment opportunities, and exchanges in culture, education and tourism, have flourished in recent years between our two cities and countries. I am certain the visit from Mr Guo will further promote the understanding between our people and encourage co-operation at all levels.

If you require any assistance in this matter, please could I ask that your office contact [REDACTED] International Relations Project Officer, by email at [REDACTED]@london.gov.uk or on 0207 983 [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely



**Boris Johnson**  
Mayor of London

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**Mr Wang Anshun**

Mayor of Beijing

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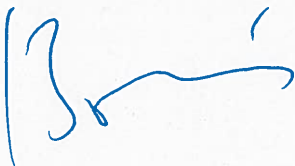
**Date: 06 AUG 2015**

Dear Mayor Wang

I would like to offer my hearty congratulations to Beijing on winning the bid to host the 2022 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games.

Beijing did a magnificent job of hosting the 2008 Summer Games and I have no doubt that 2022 will be a similarly inspiring spectacle. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you the very best of luck and good fortune for the years of planning that lie ahead.

Yours ever,



**Boris Johnson**

Mayor of London

# MAYOR OF LONDON

**H.E. Mr Liu Xiaoming**

Ambassador

Embassy of the People's Republic of China

49-51 Portland Place

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**Date: 30 SEP 2015**

Your Excellency

I am writing to you as Mayor of London on a matter that is of huge importance to the future of London and the United Kingdom. As Ambassador of the People's Republic of China you will appreciate the importance of good air connectivity between the UK and the rest of the world. As a small island nation we are heavily dependent on our air links with the rest of the world to sustain our global position as a major world economy. You will recognise, more than anyone, that the UK is facing a critical decision on where and how to expand its aviation capacity in the future in order to increase the commercial and personal links we have with the rest of the world.

We have the benefit of Heathrow as a major global hub but the airport is operating at capacity with very limited opportunity to develop new routes. For example, we know there is very significant appetite from Chinese airlines for more flights to Heathrow but they are denied the opportunity to do so because the capacity does not exist.

Given the location of Heathrow, within London's city limits, further expansion of the airport to provide a third runway will have major environmental impacts that will affect hundreds of thousands of people living in and around London. Noise modelling points to a 33 per cent increase in the number of people exposed to excessive levels of noise compared to today: that is a million people; and Heathrow already exposes more people to excessive noise than its five main European rivals – Paris CDG, Amsterdam, Frankfurt, Madrid and Munich – combined.

There can be no doubt that a decision to expand Heathrow will be extremely difficult politically and likely to be highly contentious with a large part of London's population. Along with a number of other Members of Parliament and local authorities in the vicinity, I have pledged myself to oppose it, even after I leave City Hall next May.

My view is that the UK needs to expand its hub capacity and the only way we can realistically do this, without devastating impacts on public health, is to relocate the airport to a site where it can expand to four runways. I am told that this is a step too far for the UK – the costs would be too large and the logistics too complex. But clearly this is not the case – as your own country has shown many times – and will do so once again with the new Beijing Daxing airport.

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Heathrow is, at present, a very attractive investment providing fixed returns for its shareholders, including the China Investment Corporation, who hold a 10 per cent share in Heathrow. However, adding a third runway fundamentally changes the nature of investment. Heathrow will be transformed into a vast infrastructure project with enormous levels of uncertainty and risk, all to deliver a surprisingly small amount of new capacity despite a significant price tag.

I would be interested to hear your views on whether this investment will provide the right security – and importantly, return – that funds such as the China Investment Corporation will be looking for. At the same time, I am keen to explore opportunities for London to work with and learn from rapidly growing countries such as China that have demonstrated time and again how to deliver infrastructure successfully. Heathrow will never be the hub airport that the UK requires; I would welcome your thoughts on how the UK can reach an alternative solution that truly fulfils this need.

Yours ever,



**Boris Johnson**  
Mayor of London

Cc: Rt Hon Philip Hammond MP, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Meeting between HE Ambassador Liu Xiaoming and Boris Johnson, Mayor of London  
**Date:** 08 December 2015 11:55:02

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 3 December following up on Mayor Johnson's letter to the Ambassador.

Mayor Johnson would be delighted to meet with Ambassador Liu, to discuss Heathrow Airport and other business issues. I am really sorry but we couldn't make the dates mentioned in your email work for the Mayor. I'd appreciate if you could please advise

Ambassador Liu's availability on Friday 8 January any time between 10am and 1pm, for a meeting at the City Hall.

I look forward to hearing from you. Many thanks.

Kind regards

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*We've received the kind letter from Mayor Johnson to Amb. Liu Xiaoming dated back on 30 September. We're sorry for the delay in getting back to you due to the pressure of receiving President Xi Jinping's visit to the UK in late October. Amb. Liu will be glad to meet with Mayor Johnson either at City Hall or the Chinese Embassy to talk about Heathrow Airport. Amb. Liu would also like to take the chance to talk about the latest development of China-UK relations and trade cooperation in London.*

*Amb. Liu is good to meet at 11am or 4:30pm on Thursday, 17 December or Tuesday, 21 December. Please kindly advise if one of them might work for Mayor Johnson.*

*Best regards.*

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