

# GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA221121-8340

30 November 2021

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information which the Greater London Authority (GLA) received on 22 November 2021. Your request has been dealt with under the Environmental Information Regulations (EIR) 2004.

You asked for:

*Please can you give me an update on the proposed bridge between the Isle of Dogs and Rotherhithe?*

*Will it be built? If so when? If not who made the decision to cancel it?*

*How much has been/was spent in total on the bridge proposals to date and how was it financed?*

Our response to your request is as follows:

In June 2019, the Programmes and Investment Committee of the Transport for London (TfL) Board agreed that TfL should pause development work on proposals for a walking and cycling bridge between Canary Wharf and Rotherhithe. The committee concluded that the project should revert to the feasibility stage of development where strategic alternatives, such as a ferry service, can be reassessed.

Despite considerable effort to minimise the costs of a bridge at this location, the sheer scale and complexity of the engineering solution makes the bridge currently unaffordable. The midpoint cost estimate for the scheme is £463m, within a range that means final costs could be over £600m. £350m was allocated in the TfL Business Plan at the time that the project was paused.

Continuing development of the scheme to the next phase of surveys, ground investigations and engineering design would have cost around £800,000 a month.

At the point that the decision was made to pause work, around £14m had been spent on the project. This has allowed development of a high quality design, operational concept and construction methodology that can be used at a later date should funding options enable a bridge option to be progressed. Funding for this project was provided through TfL's Healthy Streets Programme.

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely

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**Information Governance Officer**

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