

FOI request to the Greater London Authority submitted on 25 Aug 2016

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I've have it on good authority that RIBA president Jane Duncan has written at least one other letter to Sadiq (this one about the Garden Bridge). I'm not sure why I've not had this as part of my FOI response. Can you check I've had everything I should have had please?

The Greater London Authority's response sent 16 September 2016

We have checked our records for further correspondence between the Mayor and Jane Duncan and I attach four letters.

These letters did not fall within the scope of your original request which we received on 8 June. Therefore, our searches focussed on the period from the election of the Mayor up to the date of your request (8 June). Anything that arrived after 8 June was not within the scope of your request.

In your email of 24 August to the Mayor's Press Office you requested responses to the previously released letters from Richard Rogers, Terry Farrell and Jane Duncan, which Richard Wood sent on to you.

21 JUL 2016

Royal Institute of British Architects

Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London
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14th July 2016

Dear Mayor

RIBA Position on the Procurement of the Garden Bridge

At the last meeting the RIBA (Royal Institute of British Architects) Council, that provides governance and oversight to the RIBA, expressed strong concerns about the procurement process of the Garden Bridge project. The Council reiterated the call for a fully independent investigation into the procurement of the Garden Bridge.

As I am sure you are aware, the RIBA has expressed a number of concerns about the procurement process of the Garden Bridge project. The RIBA fully appreciates the position that you as Mayor have taken on this issue and is not taking a stand against the Garden Bridge project in principle. The RIBA is also clear that it is not questioning the integrity of those involved in the development of the Garden Bridge.

However, ongoing journalistic and agency investigations into the bridge's procurement continue to raise serious questions that the RIBA believes need to be answered. Submitting a bid for a major project cost businesses in time, resources and money, and it is crucial that procurement is undertaken in a clear and open manner. For all architects – but particularly for the small and medium sized practices that dominate the sector – a procurement system that is clear, transparent and well thought out is essential.

Given the importance of proper procurement processes to the RIBA, to its membership and indeed to the wider construction industry, the RIBA has drawn together its own procurement guidance *Ten Principles for Procuring Better Outcomes* which we have already shared with TfL.

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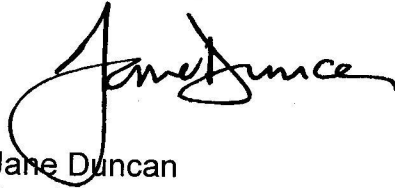
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I would welcome the opportunity to meet with you and discuss this matter, and the issue of best practice in procurement more broadly, in further detail.

London has long been defined by its architecture and unique urban environment. I hope that we will be able to work together to continue this legacy.

Yours sincerely



Jane Duncan
President

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Mr Sadiq Khan MP
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28 July 2016

Dear Sadiq,

I am delighted to invite you to attend the RIBA Stirling Prize 2016, recognised as Britain's most prestigious celebration of contemporary architecture. I hope you can join us for the live announcement of the winner and a celebration of the best of British architecture at the RIBA, 66 Portland Place, London W1B 1AD on Thursday 6 October, from 6pm until 11.30pm.

The evening starts with a pre-ceremony Champagne Taittinger and canapés reception from 6pm, followed by the awards presentation in the Jarvis Auditorium. We invite you to join us for food and drinks in the Florence Hall at a celebratory stand-up reception following the presentation.

We have a limited number of complimentary tickets available and would therefore be most grateful if you could confirm your attendance by Thursday 1 September. Please complete and return the attached RSVP form by post or email to events@riba.org. Please include contact details and any dietary or access requirements.

For further information about the event or to purchase additional tickets, please visit www.architecture.com/RIBASTirlingPrize.

I do hope you will be able to join us at the party and be a part of the most exciting night in the UK architectural calendar.

Yours sincerely



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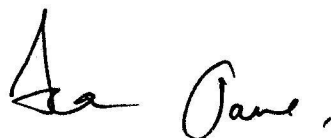
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Re: RIBA Position on the Procurement of the Garden Bridge

Thank you for your letter of 14 July setting out the RIBA's position on the procurement carried out for work on the Garden Bridge.

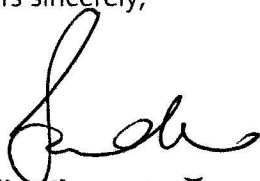
The early days of this project clearly fell short of our expectations on transparency. I am determined to run the most open and transparent administration London has ever seen which is why I have already published the previously undisclosed full business plan for the Garden Bridge alongside a list of its funders.

I understand that you have had some useful conversations with Transport for London (TfL) about how to further improve the procurement of design services and in particular how those procurement exercises can better access small and medium sized practices, as well as major architectural firms. TfL and the Greater London Authority (GLA) will shortly be considering the renewal of their procurement framework for these services and they will be happy to discuss this with the RIBA.

While I am very grateful for the invitation, I am afraid I am unable to meet with you as my diary is already full of commitments this year. I share your passion for architecture and the urban environment in London and I would urge you to continue your discussions with TfL and the GLA to ensure that all our organisations can work together as closely and effectively as possible.

Thank you again for writing to me.

Yours sincerely,



Sadiq Khan

Mayor of London

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Date:

28 JUN 2016

Dear Dave,

Thank you for your letter of 20 May and for your kind words of congratulations on my election as Mayor of London.

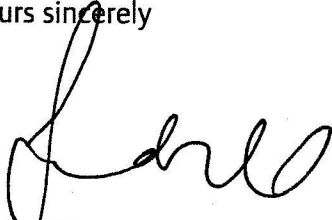
London is where I was born and grew up - it is a city that I love. I am honoured and humbled that this great city has put its trust in me to improve the lives of all Londoners, and I will work tirelessly over the next four years to deliver my priorities for London.

Thank you also for the invitation to join you at the celebration of the RIBA National Schools Programme on 1 July. I am so sorry but, whilst I am extremely grateful for the invitation, I am afraid that my diary is already committed that day, so I am unable to get along to this event.

I wish you every success with the celebrations.

Thank you again for writing to me.

Yours sincerely



Sadie Khan

Mayor of London