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Dear Leon

Problems for motorists during London-Surrey Cycle Classic road race on 14 August 2011

I am writing, on behalf of the Transport Committee, about problems reported by motorists during the London-Surrey Cycle Classic road race.

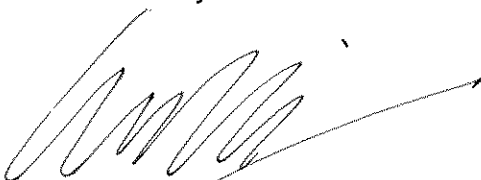
Given this race was a major test event for the 2012 Games, it is concerning to hear that some road users experienced difficulties. There have been reports of motorists caught up in long queues of traffic due to road closures and diversions. It has also been reported that when some of these drivers sought assistance from race stewards they were unable to help because they had insufficient information about the road closures and alternative routes.

In our report *Clearing the hurdles: transport for the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games* (April 2011) we raised a number of concerns about the potential impact of the 2012 Games on road users. We would, therefore, welcome receiving an explanation for why the problems occurred yesterday and what lessons have been learned for future road events. In particular, we would welcome receiving details of any plans to change communications including for motorists who may become delayed during road events.

We will be considering 2012 transport issues again shortly following the provision of a written update report from TfL and the ODA in September. We would be happy for this update report to respond to the issues raised in this letter or to receive a separate response as appropriate.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely



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