

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA290719-8822

8 October 2019

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for your request for information which the Greater London Authority (GLA) received clarification for on 5 September 2019. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You asked for correspondence between the Mayor, his office (clarified as the executive arm of City Hall including the Mayors Private Office), The London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham and / or Transport for London (TfL) regarding Hammersmith Bridge since May 2016.

Our response to your request is as follows:

Please find attached the information we hold within scope of your request. Further information relating to your request has been previously disclosed:

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

Please note that TfL has been leading the detailed programme of work with officials at London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham. This has involved undertaking investigations by a team of specialist engineers. The borough and TfL have now agreed the works needed to repair Hammersmith Bridge and reopen it for motor traffic as quickly as possible. The first stage of the work has now begun, and TfL has provided £25million to pay for it. Work continues to explore the most appropriate funding for the next phase of construction, ahead of the planned award of a contract for the next stage of the works next spring. The work, lead by TfL and the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham, is expected to take approximately three years.

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

Yours sincerely

Information Governance Officer

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From: Heidi Alexander [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@london.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@london.gov.uk)>
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2019 6:48:20 PM
To: Ruth Cadbury; stephen.cowan@lbhf.gov.uk
Cc: Councillor Steve Curran; [REDACTED]; Erica Walker
Subject: RE: Hammersmith Bridge (Case Ref: ZA40059)

Dear Ruth

Thank you for your email of 18 June.

I completely understand how disruptive the closure of Hammersmith Bridge will be for people who live, work and travel in the area. As you know, the 132-year-old bridge was closed after critical faults were identified during planned inspections.

TfL is working extremely closely with Hammersmith and Fulham Council (the owners of the bridge) to confirm plans for repairing the bridge as soon as possible. TfL is not able to give a timeframe for the repair works until it has, with the Council, completed ongoing design and investigation work. Initial estimates are that it could take up to three years but TfL expects to have a clearer indication on timeframes in August.

TfL and the Council are close to completing a series of detailed inspections, tests and assessments, which will allow them to determine the in-depth condition of the bridge and decide the best option for restoring it. The structural form of the bridge and the material types (e.g. timber and cast iron) mean it is a complex and unique project, the challenges of which are exacerbated by working over the Thames.

Once a preferred option for repair has been confirmed, the costs and timescales will be much clearer, and TfL will work with the Council to identify appropriate funding. TfL only has a very limited budget from which it can fund day to day renewal and maintenance of borough bridges and roads. However, we all recognise the importance of repairing Hammersmith Bridge, and TfL is continuing to fund the ongoing investigation and design work. TfL expects to spend a further £6-7m on this work, having already spent around £5m so far on this and bus enforcement measures. We will of course also continue to make the case to Government that London needs the certainty of steady and sustained investment so that TfL can more proactively maintain London's infrastructure. Once we have greater clarity from the work outlined above, we will be seeking a meeting with Government Ministers to discuss the way forward.

If it would be of interest, I would be very happy to arrange a more in-depth briefing with TfL representatives to discuss these issues in more detail. Please let [REDACTED] in my office (copied into this email) know if you would like to do this.

I hope this is helpful.

Regards

Heidi

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From: Ruth Cadbury [REDACTED]
Sent: 18 June 2019 17:31
To: stephen.cowan@lbhf.gov.uk; Heidi Alexander [REDACTED] @london.gov.uk>
Cc: steve.curran@hounslow.gov.uk
Subject: Hammersmith Bridge (Case Ref: ZA40059)

Dear Council Leader Stephen Cowan, and Deputy Mayor Heidi Alexander

I hope you're well.

I'm emailing after a number of constituents have approached me about the closure of Hammersmith Bridge. I appreciate that the Bridge was closed to vehicle traffic due to the need for urgent repair work, however I was wondering if any progress has been made with reaching an agreement to fund the maintenance of the bridge, and whether you'd be able to provide me with an update that I could give to my constituents about the state of the work.

Many thanks,

Best wishes,

Ruth Cadbury MP

Member of Parliament for Brentford and Isleworth

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Subject: Letter from Cllr Wesley Harcourt, Cabinet Member for the Environment Hammersmith and Fulham

Dear Cllr Govindia,

Please find attached a letter from Cllr Wesley Harcourt Cabinet Member for the Environment at Hammersmith and Fulham regarding Hammersmith Bridge. A hard copy of this letter has been posted marked for your attention.

With regards,

[REDACTED] (on behalf of Cllr Wesley Harcourt) Executive Support Officer Leader's Office Hammersmith & Fulham Council

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www.lbhf.gov.uk<<http://www.lbhf.gov.uk/>>

Attachment at <https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/governance-and-spending/sharing-our-information/freedom-information/foi-disclosure-log/foi-hammersmith-bridge>