

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA190521-3655

16 June 2021

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information which the Greater London Authority (GLA) received on 19 May 2021. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You asked for:

A copy of all emails Deputy Mayor Heidi Alexander received and sent between March 1, 2021 and May 19, 2021 regarding the Croydon tram crash of 2016.

Our response to your request is as follows:

Please find attached the information the GLA holds within scope of your request. Please note that some names of members of staff are exempt from disclosure under s.40 (Personal information) of the Freedom of Information Act. This information could potentially identify specific employees and as such constitutes as personal data which is defined by Article 4(1) of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) to mean any information relating to an identified or identifiable living individual. It is considered that disclosure of this information would contravene the first data protection principle under Article 5(1) of GDPR which states that Personal data must be processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner in relation to the data subject.

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

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]
Information Governance Officer

If you are unhappy with the way the GLA has handled your request, you may complain using the GLA's FOI complaints and internal review procedure, available at: [Freedom of information | London City Hall](#)

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From: [REDACTED]@london.gov.uk>
Sent: 04 May 2021 13:56
To: Heidi Alexander
Cc: Will Norman; [REDACTED]; Tim Steer; [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: 5 May Commissioner and Deputy Mayor's meeting pack
Attachments: Final Pack - 5 May 2021.pdf

Heidi,

All verbal updates for this week – funding, restart/recovery (ahead of 17 May) and trams.

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From: Doyne Stephanie [REDACTED]
Sent: 04 May 2021 12:38
To: Tim Steer [REDACTED]
Cc: +Corporate Affairs [REDACTED]
Subject: 5 May Commissioner and Deputy Mayor's meeting pack

Hi all,

See attached the final pack for the Commissioner and Deputy Mayor's meeting on 5 May.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Kind regards
Stephanie

Stephanie Doyne

Corporate Affairs Manager | Corporate Affairs

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Last updated: 29 04 2021

TfL Commissioner / Deputy Mayor for Transport Liaison Meeting

5 May 2021, 11:00-12:00

Video Conference, Microsoft Teams

Expected Attendees:

- Andy Byford, Simon Kilonback, Vernon Everitt, Gareth Powell, Howard Carter, Andy Lord, Lilli Matson, Fiona Brunskill, Kate Keane, Dharmina Shah, Stephanie Doyne (TfL)
- Heidi Alexander, Tim Steer, [REDACTED] (GLA)

	Item	<u>TfL lead</u>	<u>Time</u>
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	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
3.	Trams update (verbal)	Gareth Powell, Howard Carter, Lilli Matson	11:35 – 11:45
	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

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From: Heidi Alexander
Sent: 17 May 2021 14:17
To: Byford Andy [REDACTED]; Carter Howard [REDACTED]; Powell Gareth [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] LilliMatson [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED] Davis Mark (Trams) [REDACTED]; Clarke Andrea (Exc) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Tfl Board - Sandilands Tram Derailment - Coroner's Inquests
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From: Byford Andy [REDACTED]
Sent: 17 May 2021 13:55
To: Carter Howard [REDACTED] Heidi Alexander [REDACTED] Powell Gareth [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] LilliMatson [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]; Davis Mark (Trams) [REDACTED]; Clarke Andrea (Exc) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Tfl Board - Sandilands Tram Derailment - Coroner's Inquests
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From: Carter Howard [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 17, 2021 1:53:24 PM
To: Heidi Alexander [REDACTED]; Byford Andy [REDACTED] Powell Gareth [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Matson Lilli [REDACTED]
Cc: Everitt Vernon [REDACTED]; Davis Mark (Trams) [REDACTED] Clarke Andrea (Exc) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Subject: TfL Board - Sandilands Tram Derailment - Coroner's Inquests
Heidi/Andy/Gareth/Lilli

Below is a draft email for the Board giving an overview of the Sandilands Inquests which started today. Are you OK for me to send that to the Board ?

Howard

All,

The Coroner's Inquests following the deaths of Dane Chinnery, Mark Smith, Donald Collett, Robert Huxley, Phillip Logan, Dorota Rynkiewicz and Phillip Seary in the Sandilands tram derailment began today. They tragically lost their lives when a tram running between New Addington and Wimbledon derailed and overturned on a curve as it approached Sandilands Junction in Croydon on 9 November 2016. Our thoughts remain with their friends and family.

Gareth, Lilli and I thought it would be helpful to let you have an overview of the arrangements for the Inquests including support for the staff involved.

The Inquests are scheduled to last for 13 weeks in Croydon. The Senior Coroner proposes to approach the Inquests by hearing evidence from the RAIB on their investigation and its findings, BTP concerning the operational response and Jim Snowden who was a Chief Engineer at TCL and left in 2008 and the tram

driver. The current timetable anticipates that this first set of evidence will be heard between 19 May and 3 June. During the week commencing 7 June, submissions will be made to the Senior Coroner about whether any other witnesses should be heard and if so, who. If other witnesses are to be heard, as seems likely, the evidence will commence from 14 June.

Today the Senior Coroner has empanelled the Jury, given an opening and held a minute's silence for those who lost their lives. Our Counsel, Keith Morton QC, together with Mark Davis, General Manager Trams, attended the first day of the Inquests in person. Others supporting the Inquests are attending remotely. Pen portraits of each of those who lost their lives will be heard on the second day, followed by the post mortem evidence. On the 19 May, Simon French, Chief Inspector of the RAIB, will give an overview of the RAIB's investigation. His colleague, Richard Harrington who is an RAIB Inspector, will give evidence on 20 May covering background and context and external circumstances. Both of these RAIB witnesses are likely to be asked questions by Counsel to the Inquests as well as other Interested Persons, including the families' representatives. RAIB's evidence continues during the week commencing 24 May.

We continue to offer support to those who have been affected by this tragic accident through our Sarah Hope line and that offer has been repeated through the Inquests. In addition, we are supporting all of our witnesses who may be asked to give evidence. We have made arrangements with our Occupational Health team to provide any support that may be required by our witnesses, as well as the staff who are involved in supporting our involvement with the Inquests in other roles.

Our legal and press teams will attend the Inquests remotely or in person where appropriate. Our ability to respond to issues covered at the Inquests through the media will be limited because of the on-going legal process but we have agreed lines to take on key issues with the press office.

The outcome of the Inquests and any Prevention of Future Deaths recommendations that may be made by the Senior Coroner will be reported to the Board and the SSHRP when available.

Please let me know if you have any questions in the meantime.

Howard

Howard Carter

General Counsel | Transport for London

Phone:

