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Our ref: PDU/2310/JPC01

Date: 18 May 2011

Dear David

Re: Southall Gasworks, LB Ealing – South Road Railway Bridge Widening

You may be aware that I took over the role of planning authority for the Southall Gasworks planning application in 2009 (using my planning powers under the Mayor of London Order 2008). Subsequently a section 106 agreement was signed and planning permission was issued on 29 September 2010.

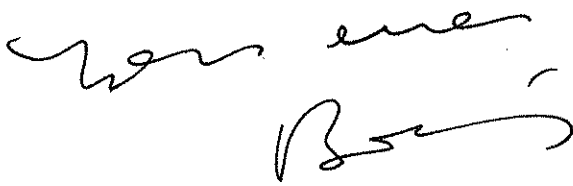
Fundamental to my decision to grant planning permission was to give certainty over construction of the South Road Railway Bridge Widening Scheme (works needed to provide additional highway capacity and access to mitigate the effects of the development). To guide this process the section 106 agreement required constitution of a Bridge Task Force six months after issue of planning permission, with Network Rail required as a principal member of the Task Force. Crossrail is also involved as the works must complement, and be integrated with the planned track and station works (which I understand you are about to tender for Grip 4 design).

The land owner, National Grid, is seeking to gain all necessary consents from Network Rail and Crossrail to deliver the bridge widening works and in doing so acquire land within Network Rail ownership. While some initial meetings have taken place, National Grid and TfL are having some difficulty in identifying key personnel and relevant procedures in Network Rail to implement the planning permission.

As a result I write to request your assistance in progressing the aforementioned works to assist me in bringing forward this key strategic development site, and would be very

grateful if you could pass this request onto the relevant parts of your organisation so that we can open discussions in earnest.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Boris Johnson', written over the words 'Yours sincerely'.

Boris Johnson
Mayor of London

cc [REDACTED] Transport for London
[REDACTED] Salisbury Planning (for National Grid)