

# MAYOR OF LONDON

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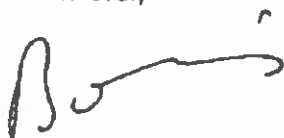
Dear Jane

Thank you for your letter of 25 February on behalf of your constituent [REDACTED] about the Garden Bridge planning application.

One of my planning officers has responded to [REDACTED] directly, and I enclose a copy of her response for your information. I hope this is helpful in answering [REDACTED] concerns.

Thank you again for writing to me.

Yours ever,



**Boris Johnson**  
Mayor of London

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# GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

## Development, Enterprise and Environment



Our ref: MGLA200215-9848  
Date: 12 March 2015

Dear 

Thank you for your email of 20 February 2015 regarding the proposed Garden Bridge.

The Mayor has a statutory duty to determine all strategic planning applications referred to him against the policies within his London Plan. Further information on the Mayor's role in strategic planning applications can be found at the following weblink:

<http://www.london.gov.uk/priorities/planning/strategic-planning-applications>

On this occasion, the Mayor delegated his planning powers to Sir Edward Lister, Deputy Mayor and Chief of Staff, and it was therefore the Deputy Mayor who formally determined the Garden Bridge application from the strategic perspective. The application was also subject to detailed assessment and determination by both the London borough of Lambeth and the City of Westminster.

On 23 July 2014 the Deputy Mayor considered a consultation report, which set out a detailed assessment of the application against the strategic policies established in the London Plan. This report covered strategic topics such as impact on the River Thames and strategic views, urban design and transport. It identified a number of outstanding issues that were required to be addressed before the proposal could be considered acceptable. This report was sent to both the London borough of Lambeth and the City of Westminster for inclusion in their local assessment of the application.

A copy of the report can be found at the following weblink:

<http://www.london.gov.uk/priorities/planning/strategic-planning-applications/mayors-planning-decisions/garden-bridge-from-the-queens-walk-to-temple>

Following the subsequent determination of the application at both Council's planning committees, the application was then referred back to the Mayor for final determination. A copy of the reports from both local planning authorities can be found at the following weblinks:

[http://moderngov.lambeth.gov.uk/documents/s69725/06\\_garden%20bridge%20PAC%20report.pdf](http://moderngov.lambeth.gov.uk/documents/s69725/06_garden%20bridge%20PAC%20report.pdf)

<http://committees.westminster.gov.uk/documents/s8812/Item%2001%20-%20Temple%20Station%20Buildings%20Victoria%20Embankment.pdf>

On 18 December 2014 the Deputy Mayor considered a final report on this proposal, reference D&P/3333/02 & 3333a/02. A copy of the report can be found at the following weblink:

<http://www.london.gov.uk/priorities/planning/strategic-planning-applications/mayors-planning-decisions/the-garden-bridge-temple-station>

Having assessed the application against London Plan policies, the Deputy Mayor concluded that the proposal raised no outstanding strategic planning concerns, and the application has now been left to Lambeth Council and Westminster City Council to determine. In making his final decision the Deputy Mayor had due regard to all representations received, including those sent to both local authorities. Paragraphs 38 to 43 of the report contain a detailed summary of all representations that were received.

I hope this helps to answer your questions regarding the Garden Bridge planning application.

Yours sincerely



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HOUSE OF COMMONS  
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25 February 2015

Dear Boris

Please find enclosed a copy of the email, to you, that I have been copied in to, from my constituent, [REDACTED] about the proposed Garden Bridge across the Thames.

As you will see, [REDACTED] expresses a number of concerns about the plans. I would be most grateful if you could ensure that I am copied in to whatever response she is sent.

Kind regards

Jane

**Jane Ellison**

Member of Parliament for Battersea, Balham & Wandsworth



[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 22 February 2015 12:10  
**To:** ELLISON, Jane  
**Subject:** FW: Garden Bridge Project

**Categories:** Parliamentary Office

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 20 February 2015 13:28  
**To:** mayor@london.gov.uk  
**Subject:** Garden Bridge Project

Dear Mr Johnson,

I would be grateful if you could please copy this correspondence to Edward Lister as well - I do not have an email address for him.

I am contacting you to say that I am very concerned about the Garden Bridge Project. This would appear to be another pet project from Joanna Lumley which Londoners have not been asked if they are interested in, need or want. My comments are as follows:

- It's quite unnecessary.
- It will block a very nice view of Westminster.
- It's very expensive.
- If it were to be built I do not agree that any public funding should be available for it. TfL in particular have better things to do with their budget and there are much more important projects to undertake which will help all Londoners and visitors to the capital. If Joanna Lumley and the architects wish to build it, and if they can get planning permission for it, they should find private funding for it.
- Who is going to look after all the trees and plants? Again, I do not think any upkeep should be paid for by taxpayers and the money should definitely not come from TfL.
- It will be a magnet for rough sleepers and drug users, particularly at night. We do not need more crime in the capital.
- I do not think this bridge will be a "great loveliness" - it will be more of a "national nuisance" and a very expensive one at that.

I can only hope that this project will be scrutinized for its merits and necessity rather than the idea of something pretty plonked in the middle of London across the Thames. It should be made very clear that Londoners and taxpayers will not be expected to pay for any part of it.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]