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I'm writing to express my thanks to you for visiting City Hall recently to discuss Cycle Superhighway Route 11 (CS11). I understand that during a meeting with members of my team you made representations on behalf of both constituents and concerned residents in relation to the project.

I've been informed that the conversations were highly productive and that my team was grateful for your input and insight on this matter.

I want to assure you not only that your feedback will be taken into account, but that TfL is working hard to make CS11 a success.

I'm aware of the concerns of residents and the levels of opposition locally, and I'm determined to find workable solutions that seek to address some of the main issues raised, whilst still delivering a scheme that meets the original objectives. I'm also committed to learning the lessons from previous cycle superhighway schemes and I've asked TfL to ensure any disruption resulting from road works during the construction phase is kept to an absolute minimum.

As I've made clear previously, I'm a strong supporter of the scheme because I want to significantly increase levels of cycling in our capital, making it easier and safer for Londoners to move around. Getting more people cycling will help improve the health and wellbeing of Londoners, and the quality of our city's polluted air.

I firmly believe that CS11 represents a major opportunity to boost the uptake of cycling in London. This is evidenced by TfL's analysis which shows that some 108,600 daily trips in the area could be cycled but are currently not. Breaking down the barriers that currently stop people cycling, particularly the intimidating and traffic dominated Swiss Cottage Gyratory, is key to unlocking these trips.

However, I've also been clear that I want a scheme that balances the concerns of residents against these objectives and so TfL has been engaging extensively with interested parties following the consultation – through a series of meetings and roundtables. In addition, my Deputy Mayor for Transport Val Shawcross has attended a stakeholder meeting that you organised, and met with you to discuss residents' concerns.

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It is worth noting that TfL's modelling predicts that the changes at Swiss Cottage will make some journeys much quicker for drivers, particularly those heading southbound during the morning rush hour.

I have instructed TfL to explore the viability of a number of mitigation measures to reduce traffic displacement onto residential streets. For example, reintroducing some of the turns that were proposed to be banned in the original proposals, and reviewing the gate closure times in Regent's Park to see if it is possible to create safe conditions for cyclists while continuing to accommodate the needs of other road users.

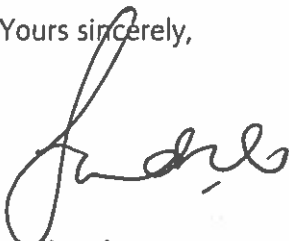
In addition to these measures, I've also asked TfL to share with you their latest modelling on traffic displacement arising from CS11. This is consistent with my pledge to lead the most open and transparent administration ever at City Hall. My understanding is that the modelling is currently being updated but I've instructed TfL to share the new modelling with you as and when it becomes available.

I also understand that TfL has provided you with responses to a series of questions you submitted to them. I'm now hopeful they will be in a position to publish their final report and way forward on CS11, including information on appropriate mitigation measures, before Christmas.

Both Val and I will carefully consider the report before acting on it, with our final decisions taking into consideration the views of all stakeholders and being guided by what is best for London and all Londoners.

If you have any questions in the meantime please do not hesitate to get in contact.

Yours sincerely,



Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London