

# GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA010221-4994

26 February 2021

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information which the GLA received on 30 January 2021. Your request has been dealt with under the Environmental Information Regulations (EIR) 2004.

You asked for;

*Can I request to see the Mayor's communications with bus manufacturers BYD, Irizar, Ryse Hydrogen (including Jo Bamford) and Bamford Bus Company from May 2016 to present day under current Mayor Sadiq Khan.*

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 are exempt from disclosure under Regulation 13 (Personal information) of the EIR. Information that identifies specific employees 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**

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



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29 JUN 2016

23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2016

Sadiq Khan  
Mayor  
City Hall  
The Queen's Walk  
London SE1 2AA  
United Kingdom

Dear Sadiq:

Thank for your encouraging reply to my letter although obviously I am sorry though not surprised to hear that your schedule is too busy for us to be able to meet in the short term.

I look forward to being able to brief you in due course about the contribution BYD is making – and will continue to make in the future – to improving London's air quality. Indeed, should you be planning a visit to China – which I sure you will - we would be delighted to welcome you to our Shenzhen headquarters. Thank you for the proposal that we meet with Ms. Shawcross – we are already trying to secure a date for such a meeting in the near future.

I look forward to you and I maintain a dialogue in the months ahead.

Yours sincerely,



Isbrand Ho  
Managing Director  
BYD Europe BV

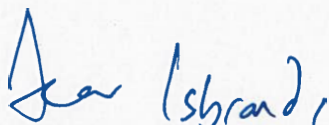
# MAYOR OF LONDON

**Isbrand Ho**

Managing Director  
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**Our ref:** MGLA200516-2364

**Date:** 14 JUN 2016



Thank you for your letter of 17 May and for your kind words of congratulations on my election as Mayor of London.

London is where I was born and grew up - it is a city that I love. Therefore, I am honoured and humbled that this great city has put its trust in me to improve the lives of all Londoners, and I will work tirelessly over the next four years to deliver my priorities for London.

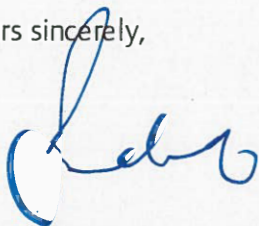
I am very sorry but, whilst I am extremely grateful for your request, I am afraid that my schedule is extremely busy over the coming months, so I am unable to accommodate a meeting at this time.

As you will have seen, air quality is going to be a high priority during my mayoralty. The 'greening' of the bus fleet is a vitally important part of my efforts to clean up London's air and I very much welcome BYD's contribution to this. Please do keep me up to date with your work as your role in London's transport network progresses.

You may be aware that I have appointed Valerie Shawcross CBE as my Deputy Mayor for Transport. I know she is personally passionate about improving air quality and in particular the role of the transport network in achieving that aim. Val would be very keen to meet with you to discuss the matters in your letter in more detail. If this would be helpful, please contact her Executive Personal Assistant, [REDACTED] to make the necessary arrangements. [REDACTED] can be contacted via email at [REDACTED]@london.gov.uk.

Thank you again for writing to me. I am grateful to you for getting in touch.

Yours sincerely,



**Sadiq Khan**  
Mayor of London

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10<sup>th</sup> May, 2016

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Sadiq Khan, MP  
Mayor of London  
City Hall,  
The Queen's Walk,  
London SE1 2AA

Dear Mayor:

On behalf of BYD Corporation please accept my sincere congratulations on your election victory.

As I believe you are aware, BYD is the world's largest supplier of zero emission pure electric buses and in London:

- Has had two 12 metre electric single deckers in successful trial service with TfL by Go-Ahead Group for over two years
- Has secured a contract for the supply of Europe's largest electric bus fleet – 51 single deckers being assembled in the UK in conjunction with our partner Alexander Dennis and due for delivery from August this year (when we will be inviting you to inaugurate them into service; and
- Is currently putting into service the world's first pure electric double deckers – 5 in total – under a TfL trial operated by Metroline (we invited you to see the buses before the election but would be delighted to arrange a visit for you on a convenient date)

With TfL, I very much hope that you soon will be able to see for yourself first hand these exciting developments which offer Londoners real and measurable air quality improvements. The potential to electrify much more of London's bus fleet is here now.

I very much look forward to meeting you before long and to working with you during the years ahead.

Please do not hesitate to contact me when I can be of assistance.

Yours sincerely,



Isbrand Ho  
Managing Director  
BYD Europe BV

## Meeting request, Chairman and founder of BYD (29th November)

[REDACTED]

**To:** Mayor (mayor@london.gov.uk)

Dear Mayor,

I'm contacting you on behalf of BYD, the largest manufacturer of pure electric buses in the world.

BYD's Chairman and founder, Wang Chuanfu, will be in London next Thursday (November 29th) where he will be spending time with TfL officials at the Olympic park for an early stage discussion about transport provision there.

He would keen to arrange a further strategic conversation with you to discuss this in addition to BYD's ongoing partnership with the GLA and TfL to electrify the bus fleet and enable the transition to zero emission vehicles.

I appreciate this is short notice, but please do let me know if it would be possible to arrange a meeting for next Thursday.

Warm regards,

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# MAYOR OF LONDON

**Buta Atwal**  
Chief Executive  
Wrightbus and Ryse Hydrogen  
[REDACTED]

**Our ref:** MGLA181220-2270

**Date:** 27 January 2021

Dear Buta,

Thank you for your letter of 18 December 2020 and congratulations on your success in delivering London's first hydrogen double decker buses. I am proud that London will be the first capital city in the world to have a fleet of zero emission hydrogen double decker buses in operation. I am grateful for the hard work of everyone at Wrightbus for making this happen.

Sourcing hydrogen from renewable energy is an essential step in our fight against the twin dangers of air pollution and climate change. It is fantastic that London's hydrogen buses will be fuelled on UK-produced green hydrogen, creating highly skilled green jobs and growing the green economy.

Thank you for your invitation to meet and attend the launch of our first double deck hydrogen bus. Under normal circumstances, I would be delighted to attend and be one of the first passengers to ride the new buses. However, as I am sure you can understand, the current ongoing situation across the UK, and in particular in London and South East England, means that I will not be able to attend the event in person. I am still keen to support the launch and have asked my officers to explore how I can do this virtually.

My officers organised a meeting with you ahead of the Perivale depot launch and I hope you found this a useful discussion.

Thank you again for your letter and invitation. I look forward to our continued collaboration as London transitions to a zero pollution and zero carbon city.

Yours sincerely,



**Sadiq Khan**  
Mayor of London



Mayor Sadiq Khan  
City Hall  
The Queen's Walk  
London  
SE1 2AA

18 December 2020

Dear Mayor Khan

I am looking forward to London becoming the first capital city in the world to have a fleet of zero-emission hydrogen double decker buses in operation.

As things stand, we expect the refuelling infrastructure at the Perivale depot, Ealing, to be ready to support our buses from February. I hope that you will be able to visit the depot shortly after the buses arrive and be one of their first passengers.

I believe that hydrogen buses can play a major role in improving London's air quality, as part of a mix with EV buses. Hydrogen buses only emit water, can be refuelled in 7 minutes and have the same range as a diesel bus. This means they can enter service across all parts of London, covering short and long routes. The refuelling infrastructure is also significantly less intrusive compared to recharging requirements for EV buses, meaning hydrogen buses can help to minimise TfL's need to increase the overall volume of its bus fleet, create more depot space or recharge buses out on the roads.

The introduction of hydrogen buses can be quickly scaled up, potentially through the Government's commitment to buy 4,000 UK-made zero emission buses in England by 2024. We are actively involved with discussions with bus operators, the DfT and Treasury around a zero emission bus leasing model which can help accelerate the roll out of these buses. In addition, the refuelling infrastructure built through the introduction of hydrogen buses can support growth in the number of hydrogen taxis and emergency vehicles across the capital, as well as moves in hydrogen trains, boats and even planes from city airport within the next five years.

Finally, I am proud that the hydrogen used to power these buses will soon be made from renewable energy near to a windfarm in Herne Bay, Canterbury. The company producing this green hydrogen is Ryse Hydrogen, of which I am also the chief executive. This UK-produced green hydrogen will create jobs in the local economy, and help to reduce London's need to import fossil fuels from overseas. This site has been designed to be able to increase the production of hydrogen as demand grows, so I am confident we can grow a resilient supply of hydrogen to meet London's growing hydrogen mobility network in the coming years.



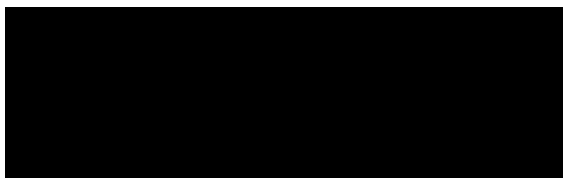
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I would welcome the opportunity to discuss the role that UK-made hydrogen buses, and UK-produced hydrogen fuel, can play in improving London's air quality ahead of Wrightbus' first fleet entering service in February.

With best wishes



Buta Atwal  
Chief Executive, Wrightbus and Ryse Hydrogen