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Dear *Val*

## **London Assembly Transport Committee into light commercial traffic**

Thank you for your letter of 4 February. I am pleased the Committee has focused on this vital area, as it will help support our future work on delivery and servicing activity.

Light commercial vehicles play a significant role in London's growing economy. However, the rapid growth of these vehicles is an area of concern as we work to manage increasing volumes of traffic on a finite road network. By better understanding the economics, we can identify potential opportunities to reduce their impact on congestion, the environment and the safety of other road users.

As London's population and the number of road users continues to grow, the management of delivery and servicing trips, particularly van traffic, is high on our list of priorities. The Committee makes a number of thoughtful suggestions which we will ensure are considered as part of our work in this area.

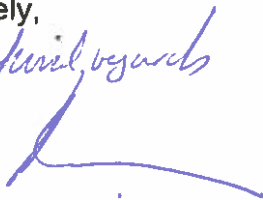
The Committee's observations about the complexity of this issue broadly match our current thinking. We recognise the challenges that delivering change will have to overcome, such as delivering potential benefits of retiming deliveries while considering the legitimate noise pollution concerns of local residents.

As your letter makes clear, there is no single solution to better managing freight in London, whether that be light or heavy commercial vehicles. Instead, the answer will be a series of positive actions, delivered in the right places at the right times, aligned with the right incentives for businesses and freight companies to encourage behaviour change.

It will also require the collaboration and support of London's boroughs, who manage the vast majority of London's road network and play a key role in planning, environmental health and local economic development. We are already working with London's boroughs and London Councils, and hope to broaden the scope of this work in the years ahead.

Thank you once again for your thoughtful set of recommendations and we look forward to further discussions with the Committee on this important area for London.

Yours sincerely,

*Kind regards*  


**Mike Brown MVO**