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Dear David

Transport Committee Meeting 21 December 2018 – Summons

I write further to my letter of 4 January in reply to Caroline Pidgeon's letter to me of 21 December 2018. As with my letter of 4 January, this letter and enclosures are also sent on behalf of the Mayor in response to Caroline Pidgeon's letter to him.

As I explained in my letter of 4 January, it was not possible for me to reply in the time available to the request concerning correspondence between Jacobs and Crossrail in 2018.

It was clarified on 3 January that the Chair is requesting any formal letters, reports and briefings prepared by Jacobs for either Crossrail Limited, TfL or Department for Transport.

I am grateful to Jacobs and the Department for Transport for their assistance in this disclosure.

I enclose copies of the documents listed below, with some explanation that I hope you will find helpful.

- Jacobs' reviews of Crossrail Limited's Semi-Annual Construction Reports:

There were two of these reviews in 2018, both of which are enclosed.

Certain references to matters that are, or may become, the subject of proceedings have been redacted from these reviews.

These reviews also include some material that is not appropriate for publication, in particular where the material is commercially sensitive to a number of parties, disclosure of which will have an adverse impact on working relationships and the delivery of the Crossrail project and may prevent this being achieved within the current funding envelope.

- Jacobs' review of the Crossrail Master Operational Handover Schedule:

There was one such review in 2018 and this is enclosed. Certain references to matters that are, or may become, the subject of proceedings have been redacted from this review.

This review also includes some material that is not appropriate for publication, in particular where the material is commercially sensitive to a number of parties, disclosure of which will have an adverse impact on working relationships and the delivery of the Crossrail project and may prevent this being achieved within the current funding envelope.

- Jacobs' Project Representative periodic reports:

There were 13 of these reports in 2018 and they are enclosed. Certain references to matters that are, or may become, the subject of proceedings have been redacted from these reports.

These reports include some material that is not appropriate for publication. Examples include: material (including contract values) that is commercially sensitive to a number of parties, disclosure of which will have an adverse impact on working relationships with contractors and others and, therefore, on the delivery of the Crossrail project; material which, if disclosed, could lead to an increase in the scope for contractors to seek additional costs; material concerning the Department for Transport's funding of the On-Network Works being delivered by Network Rail, disclosure of which may have an adverse impact on the Department's or Network Rail's procurement processes; material relating to the negotiation of property agreements for the over site developments;

- Jacobs' review of Crossrail's costs:

This was a single review and is enclosed. A redacted version of this review has already been published. Certain references to matters that are, or may become, the subject of proceedings have been redacted from the copy enclosed. In addition, the copy enclosed includes some material that is not appropriate for publication because of commercial sensitivities.

If the Committee feels any of the material that is not suitable for publication needs to be debated, then it would be appropriate to do so in a Part II session in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972.

We will shortly be publishing the material enclosed with this letter on the TfL website, with appropriate redactions and will send you a link to that material as soon as it is available online. I have described above a number of areas where the material provided is not appropriate for publication or public debate and the material we will publish will reflect the extent to which we consider publication is appropriate.

The redactions we will make in our published versions will include the names of members of Jacobs' staff. This has been requested and we consider it appropriate, and consistent with the principles of responding to Freedom of Information requests, to redact that detail.

Finally, I acknowledge the receipt of a subsequent summons for information sent on 9 January and will reply to that as soon as I am able.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'M' followed by a horizontal line.

Mike Brown MVO

cc: Sadiq Khan, Mayor of London and Chair of Transport for London
Caroline Pidgeon MBE, Chair of the Transport Committee