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I refer your letter of 22 September about the Diamond Jubilee Bridge. I apologise for the delay in providing you with a written response on the specific matters you raise but note that I recently met Jane Ellison, MP where this matter was discussed. In the intervening period, my planning officers have also been in contact with Transport for London and Wandsworth Council colleagues to obtain more details about the status of the planning application and points you have raised.

Specifically, my officers tell me that One World Design, the promoter of this project, have held detailed discussions with Wandsworth officers about finding a way of ensuring that the planning permission for the footbridge does not expire. Following their advice, it is understood that the necessary "approval of details" application is pending and is due to be reviewed by Wandsworth officers in coming weeks. It therefore appears that a solution may have been found to the concerns raised to date regarding the upcoming expiry date of the permission.

You have also asked about Mayoral and Greater London Authority planning powers over this planning application process should the need arise. Unfortunately, as the permission was issued some time ago, neither I nor my planning team would be in a position to "take over" the planning process, as I do not hold any planning powers once a planning permission has been granted. It would only be if a fresh application were to be submitted that we would become involved in the planning process again.

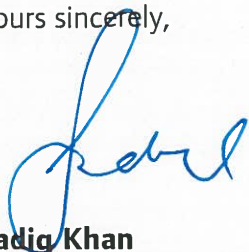
As an aside, to date you will be aware that I have previously expressed an interest in this project and have asked TfL officers to work with Wandsworth Council to better understand the costs and benefits of the proposal, along with any funding opportunities. At present, there is no capital funding in the TfL Business Plan for this scheme. The joint working between Wandsworth and TfL is currently ongoing and TfL will be briefing me on the findings of this work in due course.

I trust that this provides you with the assurances you are seeking in terms of maintaining the momentum of this project.

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Thank you again for writing.

Yours sincerely,



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