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Dear Mr Plowden

**Budget Monitoring Sub-Committee – 21 October 2014**

I would like to thank the representatives of TfL for attending the London Assembly's Budget Monitoring Sub-Committee meeting on 21 October 2014 to discuss delivery of the Mayor's cycling vision. Their answers were of much assistance and Members were grateful for their contributions.

During the course of the discussion, Members requested that TfL provide some maps showing the various cycling initiatives – in particular, the Cycle Superhighway routes. Clearly, TfL is best placed to decide the most suitable way to present this information; but it would be useful for Members to be able to put the various schemes into their geographical context and understand how they are spread across London. If they are not already published, may I suggest that TfL makes the maps available on its website.

Members also asked for an explanation of the £59 million increase in budget for the Cycle Superhighways programme. This figure was reached using the £150 million budget in the 2013 Business Plan (£83 million for existing routes and £67 million for new routes), rising to £209 million as set out in the TfL Board paper, *Cycling Vision Portfolio*, 5 February 2014.

We were disappointed to receive your written submission 12 days after the 20 working days deadline, without any explanation for the delay. I appreciate that delays are, at times, unavoidable. But on this occasion, the lateness of the submission meant that we were unable to publish it on the Sub-Committee's agenda, and Members had little time to examine the information ahead of the meeting. I would appreciate an explanation as to why TfL was unable to provide us with a written response within the agreed time frame. I am confident that it will not come to this, but delays to Assembly requests for information or responses to reports may be reported to the GLA Oversight Committee for its consideration.

I would be grateful if you would arrange for your response to be sent to me by 6 December (copied to the Project Officer, as per the details below).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Biggs', with a large, stylized initial 'J' and 'B'.

**John Biggs AM**

Chairman of the Budget Monitoring Sub-Committee

Cc: Patrick Doig, Nigel Hardy, David Rowe, Lilli Matson, Andrew Gilligan