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## **Funding for the repair and restoration of Hammersmith Bridge**

Dear Secretary of State,

I am writing to you as Chair of the London Assembly Transport Committee regarding the funding for the repair and restoration of Hammersmith Bridge.

As you know, on 13 August, Hammersmith Bridge was closed to all members of the public, including pedestrians and cyclists. The decision followed technical advice to the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham that there was further damage to the north-eastern pedestal of the bridge.

The bridge plays a vital role in connecting the north and south of London, and supporting the local economies of neighbouring boroughs. While we wait for a solution, schoolchildren,

commuters and hospital patients are forced to undertake extremely long journeys to find an alternative route, instead of where they usually would have used the bridge.

The Committee notes that, in the interim, the Hammersmith Bridge Taskforce is developing options for a temporary ferry solution. Recently, the Taskforce has stated publicly it is committed to implementing this “by early 2021 at the latest”.

On 8 October, the Transport Committee held a meeting with the newly appointed Commissioner for Transport for London, Andy Byford. During the meeting, the Commissioner informed the Committee that, in September, TfL had presented detailed options to your department regarding the likely cost of the repairs – between £143 and £161 million. The Commissioner also informed the Committee that, to date, the Government has not confirmed it will fully fund the repairs.

However, in a recent public broadcast with AM Bailey, it was indicated that your department would fully fund the cost of the repair of the bridge and that funding for a temporary solution would be provided. The Committee welcomes this development but would urge for an official announcement at the earliest opportunity.

Therefore, I would be grateful if you could confirm that your department will fully fund the project, including the repair of the bridge, a temporary river crossing solution and the timescale for doing so.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alison Moore". The signature is written in a cursive style with a period at the end.

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