

## **Len Duvall AM**

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Dear Karl,

### **Garden Bridge**

Thank you for your reply to my letter of the 6<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

You have given a detailed and thorough reply to my question regarding the new practices in TfL for Mayoral Decisions.

However, you do not deal with any of the other concerns raised regarding the actions of TfL officers, or the possibility that the same actions may be repeated in future, other of course, then to say that they were in the 'distant past' and that they have been subject to significant review.

I disagree.

These issues arose in 2015-16 which is only 2-3 years ago and are therefore not the 'distant past'. In fact, the implications are very much present: it has recently come to our attention that the Garden Bridge Trust has yet to draw down £9million of public money provided by the DfT and has recently made a request to do so. Please see attached a letter from my colleague Tom Copley to Mike Brown, Commissioner, with further detail regarding this situation.

While there has been thorough investigation of many aspects of the Garden Bridge, questions, outlined in my letter, regarding the ability of TfL officers to obscure or mislead the organisation remain unanswered. This was taxpayer money spent on a failed project. If the proper actions and oversight had existed it would have limited the loss to the public purse.

The Assembly still seeks assurance from you as the External Auditor regarding TfL's processes. We need to know that public finances will not be put at risk in this way again. The only way we can know that, is to understand what happened.

I therefore ask you to reconsider your response and provide an appropriate answer to the issues I have rightly raised.

For your ease I have attached a copy of my letter of the 6<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Len Duvall". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, circular initial 'L'.

**Len Duvall AM**  
**Leader of the London Assembly Labour Group**  
**Assembly Member for Greenwich & Lewisham**

Cc – Ed Williams

Attachments:

Letter from Len Duvall AM to Karl Havers External Auditor, 6<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Letter from Tom Copley to Mike Brown, 7<sup>th</sup> August 2018