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Transport for London.

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Dear Mr Daniels,

**Re: TfL response to London Assembly motion on Blackfriars**

LCC submitted a full response to the consultation on the initial, flawed, traffic scheme for the Blackfriars junction and we have since written to Transport for London about inadequacy of the revised scheme and the proposal to revert to a 30mph speed limit.

In mid-July, following publication of the revised TfL scheme, the Mayor expressed his concerns about the TfL proposals saying, "More work needs to be done on cycling over Blackfriars Bridge and over the accessibility of cycling over Blackfriars Bridge. And speaking as someone who uses that route the whole time I am very much familiar with the problems of the cyclist on Blackfriars Bridge and I am working with TfL to try to work it out."

On 20 July 2011, the London Assembly unanimously backed a motion on Blackfriars which asks the Mayor to carry out a review of the speed limit on the bridge and revisit the plans for the bridge 'with particular attention to cyclists making right turns when exiting the bridge at either end.'

We are therefore most concerned that the latest TfL message to stakeholders about Blackfriars says that the revised scheme, without adequate modification, is to be implemented starting on the 29 July 2011, with completion due in the Spring of 2012. The message makes no mention of reviewing the speed limit as requested by the Assembly, or modifying the design to improve cyclist safety as requested by the Assembly and promised by the Mayor.

Could you please let us know how the London Assembly request to tackle the right turns for cyclists at both ends of the bridge is being addressed and how, and when, remedial measures will be implemented? We would also like to ask if TfL plans to commission a review of the speed limit at Blackfriars as requested by the Assembly and to keep the proposed increase to 30 mph under review until the outcome of the report is known?

Best regards,



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