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Re: Hammersmith Bridge

Dear Anne-Marie,

I am writing to you today to request that you call a meeting of the Hammersmith Bridge Task Force and work with the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham to provide regular updates to all affected communities on the works that are taking place.

This task force was set up to allow all stakeholders from affected communities on both the north and south sides of the river to advise, review, and support the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham, TfL, and your department as it undertakes the stabilisation and strengthening works needed to repair the bridge.

This Task force has not met since November 2021. Since that time, I have been made aware that Hammersmith Bridge may become the first toll bridge in Central London in more than a century. Further, the incredible fragility of the Bridge has become apparent this summer as engineers had to take drastic action to prevent the extreme weather causing further damage to the pedestals.

Hammersmith Bridge is a lifeline for many in my community, and yet, without regular meetings of the Task Force, the people of Richmond Park have no seat at the table. Without clear, open lines of communication, my constituents are forced to rely on rumours. This situation leaves residents extremely anxious and fosters the feeling that this crucial issue has been forgotten.

If a toll were to be instituted on Hammersmith Bridge, this proposal would need to be carefully scrutinised by all parties affected. It is better that this scrutiny begins sooner rather than later, and the Task Force is the perfect body to begin this task.

Thank you for considering my request, I look forward to receiving your response.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Olney
Member of Parliament for Richmond Park

