



HOUSE OF COMMONS

LONDON SW1A 0AA

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Dear Stephen,

I would like to first offer my thanks for all your efforts in pushing forward work on Hammersmith Bridge in the face of the lacklustre response from the Department for Transport.

I was pleased to hear that the Foster + Partners and Cowi Solution had been selected as the preferred option for the strengthening works. Many of my residents hope that this means they will soon be able to cross the bridge again, however, we have very few hard details on the design and plan.

I realise we are still in the early stages, but it would be incredibly useful for my residents to have a rough outline of the timeline for the works and an estimate of when the temporary truss may be in place and functional. If you would be able to share an updated, rough timeline, I know it would go a long way to reassuring residents on this side of the river.

Additionally, I have had many questions asking if the truss will carry buses while it is in place; I know that certainty on this point would be immensely appreciated by residents on both sides of river.

Finally, if I may turn to the question of the toll or road user charge. I understand from the minutes of the LBHF Cabinet meeting on October 12th that as a vital piece of strategic London infrastructure, the cabinet feels it would be right for the cost to be borne by motorists rather than the residents of your borough. My constituents are understandably concerned that this will mean that while they will have to pay to use the bridge, residents of LBHF will not.

If a toll is to be instituted, I would urge you in the strongest possible terms to apply it fairly on both sides of the river and consider any impact it may have on surrounding communities.

It is vital that the Bridge is reopened, but it must be done in the right way.

I look forward to receiving your response.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sarah Olney".

Sarah Olney
Member of Parliament for Richmond Park