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Re: Hammersmith Bridge

Dear Richard,

I hope that you are well. Thank you for your response to my previous communication on Hammersmith Bridge. I am glad that the Bridge Taskforce will meet in the near future, though I would like to once again highlight the importance of this group and request that the Department provide a firm date for the meeting.

I am writing to you today specifically to discuss the prospective toll on the bridge. If instituted poorly, at too high a price or in a way that slows traffic in the surrounding area to a crawl, then the traffic issues that currently affect my constituency would become a permanent, and extremely unwelcome, addition to our community.

When the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham present their business case, please consider the effect of a toll on the surrounding area extremely carefully. If it becomes apparent that the toll will drive motorists to the Putney and Chiswick bridges, you must step in and take charge of this project.

This bridge is a vital part of London's infrastructure. If LBHF cannot successfully reopen the bridge in a way that will not damage Richmond Park and the other affected communities in southwest London, the DfT must be ready to show leadership and pay for the project.

Your government made a commitment to step up to the plate and get the bridge fixed. If LBHF cannot do this without causing gridlock south of the river, it is your duty to relieve them of their task and do what they cannot.

Yours sincerely

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

Sarah Olney
Member of Parliament for Richmond Park