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Dear Stephen,

**Re: Update on stabilisation plan business case**

I am writing to ask that you provide an update on the status of the £6m stabilisation plan your Council submitted to the Hammersmith Bridge Taskforce last year.

The most recent update we had was that, *“The Taskforce noted the ongoing work to deliver the business case for the repair and restoration of Hammersmith Bridge, which is a requirement for any project that requires government funding. We look forward to LBHF completing its business casework and for works to commence to restore this historic bridge for full use.”* This was on the 29<sup>th</sup> November following the most recent meeting of the Taskforce, which was the 27<sup>th</sup> November.

My constituents, much like yours, are desperate for reassurances that some kind of progress is being made. I hope we can both agree that we owe it to the thousands of residents whose lives have been disrupted, on both sides of the river, to provide more frequent and comprehensive communications. With that in mind, I would be enormously grateful if you could provide an update, at the earliest possible opportunity, on the status of the business case that you’re required to pull together in order to secure a contribution from the Department of Transport.

I appreciate, given the financial nature of the discussions, there will always be a limit to the amount of information that can be shared, but I think it’s essential, both in terms of demonstrating goodwill and garnering public trust, that we provide some kind of update as to what the current state of play is.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Olney  
Member of Parliament for Richmond Park

