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Baroness Vere
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
Department for Transport
Great Minster House
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Dear Baroness Vere,

Re: Update on stabilisation plan business case

I am writing to ask that you urgently provide an update on the discussions you, as Chair of the Taskforce, are having with Hammersmith and Fulham Council about the £6m stabilisation plan they submitted 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 29th November following the most recent meeting of the Taskforce, which was the 27th November.

Residents of South West London are, as you know, desperate for reassurances that progress is being made. Given the most recent update was over six weeks ago, I hope we can both agree that we owe it to the thousands of residents whose lives have been disrupted to provide more frequent and comprehensive communications.

I appreciate that, given the financial nature of the discussions, there will always be a limit to the amount of information that can be shared, but to share nothing it all is surely not acceptable and risks eroding public trust even further.

I urge you to make it clear the people of South West London that they have not being forgotten by providing them with an update on the stabilisation plan at the earliest possible opportunity.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Olney
Member of Parliament for Richmond Park

