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Dear Mr Freestone

Local Implementation Plan (LIP) Funding - 2011/12

On 4 November 2010 I wrote to advise you of the consequences of the Spending Review 2010 (SR10) on the level of funding allocated to your authority (under section 159 of the 1999 GLA Act) to support LIP delivery for 2011/12.

The purpose of this letter is to confirm that the Corridor, Neighbourhoods, Smarter Travel and Principal Road Maintenance proposals submitted by your authority in October 2010 within your 2011/12 Annual Spending Submission are acceptable to TfL, with the exception of the following specific 'package':

The Greenwich Town Centre improvement scheme, for which you have requested a Corridors and Neighbourhood allocation of £2.486m. TfL cannot approve the scheme as currently proposed, as we have significant concerns about its impact on bus passengers and operations, as well as other matters such as the performance of the network, safety, severance and urban realm.

These concerns were discussed when the proposals were presented by Hyder Consulting on behalf of Greenwich to TfL's Network Management Group (NMG) on Monday 8 November 2010 and you have been sent the minutes of the meeting outlining TfL's concerns

Your colleagues met with my colleague Tim Williams on Wednesday 8 December 2010 to discuss a possible way forward and, should your proposals ultimately prove acceptable to TfL's NMG, they will still require a business case to ensure value for money as the proposed cost is greater than £2m. As Tim said at this meeting, he is happy to work with your colleagues to help develop this business case.



As indicated in my letter of 4 November, due to SR10 it will be necessary for you to determine how to accommodate the 4% reduction in formula funding in 2011/12 based on your local transport priorities and alignment with the goals and outcomes of the Mayor's Transport Strategy (*note: greater flexibility has been provided in the use of the formula funding from 2011/12 onwards enabling you to determine the level of resources devoted to corridor, neighbourhoods and smarter travel measures*). To do this you will need to enter your prioritised submissions onto the Borough Portal by 28 January 2011. Alternatively if you would like TfL to enter this data on your behalf, you will need to submit an updated Annual Spending Submission workbook for agreed proposals to BoroughProjxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx@xxx.xxx.xx by 14 January 2011. This will allow TfL to perform the tasks required to create the schemes on the Portal.

I can confirm that funding will also be provided to your borough for the Major Scheme(s) as set out below.

Project	TfL Major Schemes allocation to your borough		
	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Woolwich – General Gordon Square – Completion of works	£550,000	-	-

The London Bridges Engineering Group (LoBEG) is currently reviewing the pan-London bridge assessment and strengthening programme. Therefore any allocation on the Portal in respect of this programme should at the present time be considered provisional and will be confirmed in February 2011, following further consultation with LoBEG.

Please note that the section 159 funding to support LIP delivery is conditional on your proposals not contravening the current Mayor's priorities, and not involving the removal or change to infrastructure previously funded by TfL unless this is specifically agreed with TfL - see sections 4.18 – 4.20 of the 'Guidance on Developing the Second Local Implementation Plans'.

It is also important to note that there are considerable pressures on TfL budgets and it is therefore essential that effective consultation, engagement and communication takes place for any scheme that has an impact on TfL services or infrastructure. This includes proposals that impact on bus routes, stops and terminal points/stands. For such schemes it will be necessary for early discussions to take place between the borough and TfL to determine the acceptability of the proposals.

Further details of how the Boroughs' overall programme allocation figures were calculated using the agreed needs based formula, and details of the funding for partnerships and other boroughs, are available on the Boroughs Extranet via the link below:



http://boroughs.tfl.gov.uk/documents/news/lip-funding-settlement_2011-12-letter.pdf

Information regarding historic commitments is also found via this link. Please note that if you have any schemes which you have begun to implement using your 2010/11 LIP allocation and which you are not able to complete during the current financial year, it is assumed that the cost of scheme completion is included in your 2011/12 LIP submission. If this is not the case we will need to discuss this further, as your LIP allocation is fixed at the amount described above.

I hope you find the above information useful.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Rowe'.

David Rowe
Head of Borough Projects & Programmes