

MAYOR OF LONDON

Councillor Chris Roberts
Leader of the Council
The Royal Borough of Greenwich
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Dear Chris

As you will know, the Mayor has unveiled an ambitious £900 million programme to invest in cycling in London and has appointed a cycling commissioner, Andrew Gilligan, to oversee it. Andrew has established good relationships with 32 of the 33 boroughs, with the cycling community and with other stakeholders such as Network Rail and the Royal Parks. He has also repeatedly attempted to establish such a relationship with Greenwich, which could benefit from tens of millions of pounds of this funding.

I was surprised to learn that Greenwich, alone in London, has declined to work with Andrew, stating that there is a conflict of interest. Both Greenwich and the Mayor in fact share a common interest in ensuring that cycling in the borough is as attractive and safe as possible. We are extremely keen to work with, and to fund, Greenwich on cycling.

Both Andrew and I would now like to put this episode behind us and treat Greenwich exactly the same as we treat any other borough. I am confident that Greenwich will find Andrew, as I believe everyone else has found him, a reasonable and constructive interlocutor.

Yours sincerely



Sir Edward Lister
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Deputy Mayor, Policy & Planning