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RE-OPENED THAMES GATEWAY
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Dear Sir / Madam

THAMES GATEWAY BRIDGE RE OPENED PUBLIC INQUIRY

As you know, the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government asked that the TGB inquiry be reopened to consider further several matters that she set out in July 2007. The findings of the reopened inquiry would have helped her to determine whether or not the TGB project should be granted planning permission.

On 6th November 2008, Transport for London published its Business Plan for the period 2009/2010 to 2017/2018. This announced, in relation to TGB that:

“Following discussions with the Mayor, TfL will no longer be pursuing this project. A wider study will be undertaken by TfL working with the boroughs, the LDA, GLA and other partners to assess the transport and land use needs of the London Thames Gateway. This will seek to maximise the benefits of existing and funded new transport infrastructure, including Crossrail and new DLR and bus transit services and assess options for a new east London river crossing. One possible option would be a crossing at Silvertown that would be integrated with the Blackwall Tunnel.”

TfL will therefore no longer pursue the authorisations necessary to implement the TGB scheme. Formal notification has now been sent to the Secretary of State that TfL withdraws the planning applications for TGB and confirming that TfL will not now be seeking confirmation of the highways and other orders relating to the scheme.

Consequently, there will be no further communication with you in relation to the public inquiry as the matter is now closed.

Yours sincerely



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