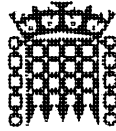


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5<sup>th</sup> June 2007

Dear Ruth,

I was interested to see the attached letter from TfL relating to Thames Gateway Bridge. As you know I have strongly supported the case for the new bridge which is essential for the successful development of this part of the Thames Gateway area.

However, the one missing ingredient remains the Secretary of State's decision following the Planning Inquiry. I understand that the inspector's conclusions have been with your department for several months. In line with the recent Planning White Paper encouragement of a faster planning system, I hope that your decision can now be expedited.

Yours sincerely,

Nick Raynsford MP