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Dear Linda

**RE: THAMES GATEWAY BRIDGE – CORRESPONDENCE FROM
TRANSPORT 2000**

Thank you for your letter of 7 December 2006 and attachments forwarded to GONE in respect of the Thames Gateway Bridge scheme. As requested, we have examined the documents submitted by Transport 2000 in the context of what was reported at the Public Inquiry and submit the following to be considered by the Secretary of State for Transport.

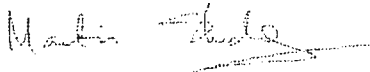
TfL rebuts the assertion of Transport 2000 that these articles provide any new significant information not already discussed at the Inquiry, nor that these articles affect the case put forward to the Inspector.

The RICS report highlights that a number of transport schemes have had very positive regeneration effects in east London. The report highlights that regeneration is indeed following new transport infrastructure in Woolwich and Stratford but that this is yet to be the case in Thamesmead. The significance in this is that the DLR extensions are “known schemes” which are actually in the implementation stage. Given TfL have applied for powers to construct, maintain and operate the TGB, it is understandable that the effect is not presently as great. It is wholly understandable that increasing levels of investment in Thamesmead will not be generated until certainty on the TGB scheme prevails.

With regard to transit schemes, the assessment undertaken of the potential services across the TGB for the Inquiry was based upon the schemes currently proposed. It was always clear that these would be bus-based at least in the early years and this was an issue discussed at length during the Inquiry, particularly with the boroughs. TfL believes that the evidence presented to the Inspector has not fundamentally changed.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this matter. If you require any further comment, please do not hesitate to contact me on 0208 433 6927 or email martinstuckey@tfl.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Martin Stuckey', with a horizontal line underneath it.

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Dear Mr Raynsford

Thames Gateway Bridge: OJEU notice

We are pleased to be able to write to you again as we have recently passed an important milestone for the project. Transport for London (TfL) has commenced the procurement process for the Bridge by publishing a notice on 11 May 2007 in the Office Journal of the European Union (OJEU). This announced the start of a prequalification process to identify up to four potential bidders to be invited to tender for the concession to design, build, finance and operate the Bridge.

Potential bidders have been asked to complete a prequalification questionnaire by 3 July 2007, which TfL will evaluate over the summer of 2007. This prequalification process is not an invitation to tender. TfL will not issue an invitation to tender to prequalified bidders until the Secretaries of State have granted the powers to build and operate the TGB, which we hope will be soon. Starting the prequalification process now will enable the earliest opening date for the TGB, currently scheduled for 2013, if the powers are granted.

Your support continues to be valuable in progressing this important project, which will help unlock the regeneration of the Thames Gateway. We look forward to continuing to work with you on the scheme. If you would like an update from us on the project please contact Fred Baron, Communications and Consultation Manager, on 020 7126 3907 or fredbaron@tfl.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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