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Minister	UM
Subject	THAMES GATEWAY BRIDGE
Responsible	MARK PLUMMER

Dear

RE: Thames Gateway Bridge

I refer to the letter of 13 February 2007 from Councillor Ian Clement, Leader of the London Borough of Bexley addressed to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government. That letter assumes that there is a proposal to introduce tolling at Blackwall Tunnel.

I attach for your information, a response by the Mayor on this issue provided to Mr Roger Evans in the London Assembly on 21 February 2007. As highlighted by the Mayor in response to a series of questions on this matter, the GLA and TfL have no proposals for a congestion charging scheme in the Greenwich area. TfL is working with the London Borough of Greenwich to explore the feasibility of a range of options to manage traffic growth in line with the levels set out in the London Plan.

A number of surveys are being carried out in and around the area in order to understand current traffic conditions and travel behaviour, as well as exploring the potential future travel patterns and public attitudes in response to a range of available traffic reduction measures. There are no charging proposals at this time. When the surveys are complete, Greenwich council and TfL will be in a position to understand what options, if any, to consider for this area.

In addition, attached to this letter is correspondence to London Borough of Bexley confirming that TfL have no proposals for further charging schemes.

I trust this clarifies the position in response to the issues raised by Councillor Clement in his letter of 13 February 2007. In TfL's view there are no grounds for reopening the inquiry into the Thames Gateway Bridge.

The letter dated 13 December relating to Dartford Crossing referred to in the letter of 13 February from Councillor Clement was not copied to TfL. In TfL's view there are no grounds for reopening the Inquiry by reason of the Secretary of State's proposal to amend the tolling regime at the Dartford Crossing.

Yours sincerely

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