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**Via Email:** [REDACTED]@tfl.gov.uk

Dear Mark

**Ref: 31 LONDON STREET, LONDON, W2 1DJ (WESTMINSTER CITY COUNCIL  
PLANNING REFERENCE 16/09050/FULL)**

I refer to your letter dated 4th May, email dated 9<sup>th</sup> May, and the meeting held on 2nd May, chaired by the Deputy Mayor for Planning, Jules Pipe. As you know this was attended by the Trust, the London Ambulance Service (LAS), Jules Pipe, and GLA and TfL officers. The Trust welcomed the wide-ranging discussions and the recognition that the Trust's concerns are both very serious and go to the heart of the ability to operate one of London's 4 major trauma centre sites.

The Trust and the project team have reviewed your response dated 4th May, and we attach to this letter a formal response prepared by AECOM. Put simply, whilst the additional information and explanation is welcomed, the Trust remains of the view that there are many issues remaining which taken individually and in combination continue to be of significant concern.

The concerns of the Trust and LAS are well known to you, and are therefore not repeated in this letter. One of the key points in terms of addressing those concerns which was agreed in the 2<sup>nd</sup> May meeting was the need to establish a technical basis for seeking further changes to the Paddington Quarter development. We believe the review carried out by AECOM has identified that the technical basis for safe access to the hospital is not proven in line with industry best practice. If the material which Aecom say should be routinely provided as part of the safety audit exists then it should be provided.

As I know you understand, the importance of keeping Londoners safe and preserving the ability of the health system to operate is of paramount importance to the Trust, and I am confident this view will also be shared by TfL. As explained in earlier correspondence, the need to protect health care facilities within London is a key part of the London Plan policy, as well as the Westminster City Plan. There is a proper strategic planning basis for

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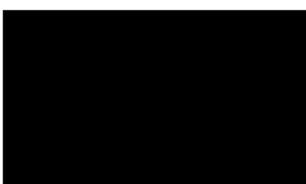
ensuring safe access to institutions of such importance as a major trauma centre and general hospital.

As set out in the report prepared by AECOM, we believe that the technical basis for further investigation of the position and design of the proposed new hospital access has been identified. There remains a real concern that the road safety audit which was carried out was not properly scoped to adequately address the future conditions of the road and establish what impacts the proposed new access road would have on the safe operation of the hospital. Therefore, the Trust cannot be expected to rely upon the findings of the audit. The Trust remain of the view that should the interim road layout be taken forward this would result in an unacceptable impact on the ability of ambulances to safely access the hospital, and therefore put at jeopardy the hospital's ability to function safely in the interests of Londoners.

The Trust would ask that TfL reviews the concerns raised in the report prepared by AECOM, but we believe our findings only serve to illustrate the need for further dialogue between all parties over the next few weeks to ensure that a safe and resilient access is secured.

The Trust also request that an update is provided on the current position of the draft section 106 agreement which has been prepared for the Paddington Quarter scheme. Currently, the Trust have not been provided with a current status update, and as requested previously, we would ask that we are kept up to date on all relevant matters concerning the s106 agreements preparation, and that the revised draft addresses our concerns. We would like to reiterate our expectation that the s106 agreement should not be signed until these ongoing safety matters are resolved.

Yours sincerely



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