

From: [Clark Patrick](#)
To: [Raza Abbas](#); [City Planning Correspondence](#); [Windsor Poppy](#)
Subject: RE: Complex FoI Request 1208-2021: The proposed "Camden Highline" project in north London
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Ah, sorry. Yes, see below. I don't know who the people Rob Willis is speaking about are.

Email text follows:

Thanks for the update Patrick. Assume similarly no news on School or lease extension?

From: Clark Patrick

Sent: 20 May 2019 16:01

To: Simon Pitkeathley

Subject: RE: TfL letter re Highline S106 contributions from LBC & Argent

Simon – quick update. Still haven't found anything useful out but will continue to look. I haven't forgotten.

All the best,

Patrick

Patrick Clark | Communications and Engagement Specialist

Commercial Development

[REDACTED]

From: Simon Pitkeathley

Sent: 01 May 2019 10:49

To: Clark Patrick

Subject: FW: TfL letter re Highline S106 contributions from LBC & Argent

Did you get anywhere with this internally?

From: Willis, Rob

Sent: 01 May 2019 10:46

To: Simon Pitkeathley

Subject: RE: TfL letter re Highline S106 contributions from LBC & Argent

Hello Simon

Yes I wrote (and subsequently spoke on the 'phone) to counterparts at TfL - they are open to a discussion which is good. I subsequently sent them a couple of possible meeting dates (for a Camden/Argent/TfL discussion) and am awaiting a response. The main contact at TfL was recently away but is back this week, so I will chase if I don't get a response on meeting dates by tomorrow. I'm keen to meet them soon as I realise you'll want an answer on this (as will David Joyce on my side). We have the option of the high level letter mentioned below, which I'm happy to action but if we can settle it at officer level in the first instance then all the better!

Regards

Rob.

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Rob Willis

Strategic Lead - Infrastructure and Growth

[REDACTED]



From: Simon Pitkeathley

Sent: 01 May 2019 10:31

To: Willis, Rob; [Camden](#)

Subject: RE: TfL letter re Highline S106 contributions from LBC & Argent

Any response to this yet Rob? Got a board meeting tomorrow so would be good to be able to report any progress.

From: Willis, Rob; [Camden](#)

Sent: 11 April 2019 11:41

To: Simon Pitkeathley

Cc: Galey, Karen; [camden](#); Joyce, David; [camden](#); Pope, Daniel

[camden](#)

Subject: RE: TfL letter re Highline S106 contributions from LBC & Argent

Great, thanks Simon. I'll edit accordingly.

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Rob Willis

Strategic Lead - Infrastructure and Growth



From: Simon Pitkeathley [redacted]
Sent: 11 April 2019 11:39
To: Willis, Rob [redacted]
Cc: Galey, Karen [redacted] [camden](#) [redacted] Joyce, David [redacted] [camden](#) [redacted] Pope, Daniel [redacted]
Subject: RE: TfL letter re Highline S106 contributions from LBC & Argent
Brilliant thanks Rob. Quick couple of points if I may.

- We use the term Highline, rather than High Line
- The Mayor contributed £2,500 towards the crowdfund that raised £64k (original target £34k)

From: Willis, Rob [redacted] [Camden](#) [redacted]
Sent: 11 April 2019 11:29
To: Simon Pitkeathley [redacted]
Cc: Galey, Karen [redacted] [camden](#) [redacted] Joyce, David [redacted] [camden](#) [redacted] Pope, Daniel [redacted]
Subject: RE: TfL letter re Highline S106 contributions from LBC & Argent

Hello Simon

Just to say I'll shortly be sending the email below to counterparts at TfL proposing the use of s106 funds from King's Cross Central towards the High Line. We're also drafting a joint letter to send as a follow up to TfL at a senior level, should this be needed. Danny Beales and Adam Harrison are aware and supportive of our proposal.

I'm getting in touch about the 'Route 214' financial contribution from the King's Cross Central development. As you know, conversion to double deck is not being pursued by TfL and as yet have been unable to identify an alternative proposal for the funds. Given that we have held the contribution for nearly five years, we are keen to find a positive use for the funds rather than return unspent funds to the developer.

We therefore suggest using some of this contribution (£400,000 initially) towards the Camden High Line, as an alternative way to deliver enhanced connectivity between King's Cross and Camden Town, and in the absence of a clear alternative use for the funds. This is something that senior colleagues and members – and our counterparts at Argent – are keen to explore with TfL given the Mayor's stated support for the High Line and its fit with MTS objectives, but I wanted to get in touch with you in the first instance to see what you think. I have provided some more background and reasoning for this proposal below.

Background

As you know, in June 2014 we received a £1.2m payment from the King's Cross Central development to convert the route 214 (which connects King's Cross with Camden Town) to double deck. Towards the end of 2016 you advised that this would not be viable, and since that time no alternative bus provision has been identified. This being the case, there is a need to promptly identify an alternative use in order to deliver other transport/connectivity benefits.

When considering how the route 214 contribution should be used, it is worth noting that it was secured in 2006 and the importance of healthy streets and promoting walking and cycling has grown significantly since then. In addition, TfL are currently finalising a review of its bus services in the King's Cross area which is pointing to a scaled reduction in the level of services (rather than the increase in services envisaged back in 2006).

We therefore have a good opportunity to look how these funds could contribute to Camden's and the Mayor's shared ambition to create healthy streets, promote walking, tackle air quality and enhance public spaces. The High Line would deliver these shared priorities and deliver positive and transformational improvements for connectivity in the area.

The Camden High Line and funding needs

As you may know, the Camden High Line is a proposal to transform disused railway tracks into a new green pedestrian link between King's Cross and Camden Town – two key growing centres for the knowledge and creative industries in London as well as major visitor destinations. It is being led by Camden Town Unlimited and has the support of Camden Council (it is one of the Investment Priority Areas in our new Transport Strategy), a range of local businesses, landowners and stakeholders (including Argent), as well as the Mayor, who has already contributed £10,000 towards an initial crowdfunding initiative.

Camden Town Unlimited have begun the process of preparing a planning application for the project, approval of which will be a key milestone in the process of producing capital funding for implementation, through a range of public and private sources. They need around £1.2m to support the planning process, and we are in touch with partners – including Argent – to see how this cost can be shared.

Therefore we would like TfL to consider offering a portion of the '214' bus contribution to support the costs of taking the High Line through the planning process. £400,000 would make a significant contributions to these costs. It would also leave £800,000 from the contribution towards capital investment – which could be used towards pedestrian/cycling measures in the King's Cross area and/or contribute towards the actual construction costs of the High Line in the future.

TfL's support for this would significantly improve connections between two major visitor destinations and centres of growing creative and knowledge-based industries for London – as well as providing fantastic new green spaces for visitors, workers and residents alike.

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Rob Willis
Strategic Lead - Infrastructure and Growth



From: Joyce, David [redacted] [camden](#) [redacted]
Sent: 08 April 2019 19:52
To: Simon Pitkeathley [redacted]
Cc: Galey, Karen [redacted] [camden](#) [redacted], [redacted] [Camden](#) [redacted]
Subject: RE: TfL letter re Highline S106 contributions from LBC & Argent
Not yet – I have a draft to review. I'll ask the team to share with you
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David Joyce
Acting Executive Director Supporting Communities

[redacted]



From: Simon Pitkeathley [redacted]
Sent: 08 April 2019 13:00
To: Joyce, David [redacted] [camden](#) [redacted]
Cc: Galey, Karen [redacted] [camden](#) [redacted]
Subject: TfL letter re Highline S106 contributions from LBC & Argent
Hi David,
Has this letter gone out yet do you know?
Best wishes,
Simon Pitkeathley
Chief Executive

[redacted] | [LinkedIn](#)



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From: Raza Abbas [REDACTED]
Sent: 02 October 2020 16:43
To: Clark Patrick [REDACTED]; City Planning Correspondence [REDACTED]; Windsor Poppy [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Complex Fol Request 1208-2021: The proposed "Camden Highline" project in north London
Hi mate could you copy and paste the email – it seems to be stuck in the enterprise vault of doom
Abbas

Abbas Raza
Community Partnerships Specialist (West) | Local Communities & Partnerships
[REDACTED]



From: Clark Patrick [REDACTED]
Sent: 02 October 2020 16:18
To: City Planning Correspondence [REDACTED]; Windsor Poppy [REDACTED]; Raza Abbas [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Complex Fol Request 1208-2021: The proposed "Camden Highline" project in north London
Sorry this took me a while to respond to. I have this email from Simon Pitkeathley, but nothing progressed following the email. I never had any detailed discussion on this and haven't spoken to anyone beyond asking if anything was happening.

From: City Planning Correspondence [REDACTED]
Sent: 02 October 2020 15:17
To: Windsor Poppy [REDACTED]; Raza Abbas [REDACTED]; City Planning Correspondence [REDACTED]; Clark Patrick [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Complex Fol Request 1208-2021: The proposed "Camden Highline" project in north London
OK, thanks!

From: Windsor Poppy [REDACTED]
Sent: 01 October 2020 16:04
To: Raza Abbas [REDACTED]; City Planning Correspondence [REDACTED]; Clark Patrick [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Complex Fol Request 1208-2021: The proposed "Camden Highline" project in north London
Not really. [REDACTED] went to meet with Camden Highline but it was in 2018- so I think outside the scope of this (they ask since Jan 19).

From: Raza Abbas [REDACTED]
Sent: 01 October 2020 15:47
To: City Planning Correspondence [REDACTED]; Windsor Poppy [REDACTED]; Clark Patrick [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Complex Fol Request 1208-2021: The proposed "Camden Highline" project in north London
Sorry Cristy I think this one was being discussed before I covered Camden
Poppy when you were covering Camden was there a TfL officer responsible for engaging with Camden Town Unlimited and the Highline Group? Patrick you may know too from commercial discussions around our other land holdings.
Abbas

Abbas Raza
Community Partnerships Specialist (West) | Local Communities & Partnerships
[REDACTED]



From: City Planning Correspondence [REDACTED]
Sent: 01 October 2020 14:42
To: Raza Abbas [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Complex Fol Request 1208-2021: The proposed "Camden Highline" project in north London
Hi Abbas,

Hope you're doing OK. Bit of a stab in the dark, but Gavin McLaughlin mentioned that you might have material that is of relevance to this FOI?
Thanks, Cristy

From: Howard Jasmine [REDACTED]
Sent: 29 September 2020 18:03
To: City Planning Correspondence [REDACTED]
Subject: Complex Fol Request 1208-2021: The proposed "Camden Highline" project in north London
Hi there,
TfL Ref: 1208-2021
Please see the FOI request below for the disclosure of information – many thanks
Could you please treat this request as a priority and provide me with your contribution to answer this request no

later than close of business on 7 October.

If you are unable to provide the requested information within this deadline, please provide us with an update on the progress of the request as soon as possible so we can advise as appropriate.

Withholding Information.

If you believe that part or all of the requested information is unsuitable for disclosure to the public, or you believe it will take over 18 working hours to provide, please inform us immediately as an exemption may be applicable to some or all of the requested information.

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Kind Regards

Jasmine Howard

FOI Case Officer

Information Governance

Transport for London

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 28 September 2020 15:07

To: FOI <Fol@tfl.gov.uk>

Subject: FOI Request: The proposed "Camden Highline" project in north London

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The first part of this email provides some context for this FOI request, which you may, or may not, find useful.

(1) CONTEXT

A non-governmental group is currently proposing a project using operational railway land on the east-west North London Line railway corridor in the London Borough of Camden, London NW1.

The 'Camden Highline' group says:

"The Camden Highline will occupy 1.1km of disused railway viaduct running from Camden Town to King's Cross and the vacant platforms at Camden Road station, with a number of access points along its route to connect it to road level."

"... The Camden Highline is modelled on the hugely successful New York High Line and comprises a new public park and garden walk."

"... The project has passed Network Rail's business and technical clearance processes and completed a rail industry consultation on stakeholders' views. Discussions are underway with Network Rail to secure a 25-year lease of the infrastructure."

"... Stakeholders whose permissions will be required include ... Transport for London."

(2) FOI ACT 2000 REQUEST

Please provide all data held by you, from 1 January 2019 to date, reasonably related to the 'Camden Highline'.

This is not 'privileged' data.

It is not within a legitimate 'safe space' used for discussions with other public bodies.

It is also not pre-application discussions within the meaning of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended, which a planning authority might have with non-public bodies, whether 'permitted development' or requiring a planning application.

This request should include, but is not limited to, all internal and external meetings and/or correspondence on the subject.

Thank you in advance for your kind assistance.

Regards,

[REDACTED]