

**From:** James O'Keeffe [REDACTED]@tfl.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 04 January 2023 16:22  
**To:** Catharine Mcewan [REDACTED]@tfl.gov.uk>; Darek Podwiazka [REDACTED]@tfl.gov.uk>  
**Cc:** Poppy Windsor [REDACTED]@tfl.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** RE: VIP draft request: MGLA030123-6599: ULEZ and investment in cycle routes

We currently have no plans to fund any cycle lanes in this location.

I think we should be clear that we aren't funding any new cycling infrastructure in Kingston until the outstanding routes have been completed. [@Darek Podwiazka](#) has drafted a few responses in the past and will be able to share some approved lines on this

James

**From:** Catharine Mcewan [REDACTED]@tfl.gov.uk>  
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Hi Darek and James, happy new year to you both

See below from Cllr Archer re cycle infrastructure in Chessington which has come into Will Norman. Could you let me know if we have any plans here / provide me with some lines that I can use in a response please?

Many thanks

Catharine

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**From:** Mayoral Correspondence [REDACTED]@tfl.gov.uk>  
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Hi Catherine

Happy new year to you.

This case is from Cllr Archer. Please could you provide us with a draft response for Will's signature

If this isn't for your team, please let me know so that this can be redirected

Due 11 January

Kind regards

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Hi team,

Can we have a draft for Will's signature please.

Thanks



**From:** Councillor Stephanie Archer [redacted] [@kingston.gov.uk](mailto:[redacted]@kingston.gov.uk)  
**Sent:** 14 December 2022 12:30  
**To:** Will Norman [redacted] [@tfl.gov.uk](mailto:[redacted]@tfl.gov.uk)  
**Cc:** Councillor Ian Manders [redacted] [@kingston.gov.uk](mailto:[redacted]@kingston.gov.uk)  
**Subject:** ULEZ and investment in cycle routes

Dear Will,

I do hope this email finds you well.

In light of the plan to expand the ULEZ to outer London, could you let me know whether this will be implemented alongside the expansion of cycle lanes into Chessington?

As you witnessed firsthand on your visit, we do not have cycle infrastructure south of the A3 and the road system is designed to favour cars over all other forms of transport (walking, cycling and public). This means that our residents use their cars extensively and, as one of the most deprived areas of the borough, they wouldn't have the disposable income to either pay for the ULEZ or replace their cars or vans.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course and want to wish you a very happy Christmas in the meantime!

With best wishes,

Steph  
Councillor for Hook and Chessington North  
Portfolio holder for Children's Services including Education  
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**From:** Darek Podwiazka [redacted] [@tfl.gov.uk](mailto:[redacted]@tfl.gov.uk)>  
**Sent:** 07 December 2022 20:17  
**To:** Harry Littlehales [redacted] [@tfl.gov.uk](mailto:[redacted]@tfl.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** RE: RBK mini Holland funding

Hi Harry,

Below is an extract of the last comms to Matt Hill with respect to the funding we have allocated to Kingston from 2020 onwards. Also attached is a letter from Will Norman to Cllr Archer echoing their poor financial management and highlighting what RBK have been allocated.

Other than those two pieces of info I don't have anything else to offer - the Mini Holland were before my time. James O may be able to provide a more helpful summary

Kind rgs  
Darek

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*I understand that you therefore decided to use your Local Implementation Plan funding and a further £700k was requested via the LIP Corridor Programme to fund the completion of the Ewell Road scheme, which has now been claimed... "*

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**From:** Harry Littlehales [REDACTED]@tfl.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 06 December 2022 09:57  
**To:** Darek Podwiazka [REDACTED]@tfl.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** RBK mini Holland funding

Hi Darek

I've just been speaking to Tracy Kirkpatrick in the programme management team at Kingston and she asked me if we have a record of all the funding we've allocated to RBK for their mini-Holland schemes over the years. I can try and pull this from the portal but it might be a bit tricky as it's under a few different programmes – mini-Hollands, Borough Cycling, LS P and some under Corridors. So I wondered if you had this information to hand?

Thanks  
Harry

**Harry Littlehales**

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**From:** Helen Cansick [REDACTED]@Tfl.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 16 May 2022 16:32  
**To:** Will Norman [REDACTED]@tfl.gov.uk>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]@london.gov.uk>; Katherine Abraham [REDACTED]@tfl.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** RE: VIP draft request: MGLA210422-9449 Councillor Stephanie Archer

Hi Will

Here is my more detailed financial summary to send to Matt Hill, which includes the dates / financial years of what was agreed when.

Regards, Helen

In summary, it was £3.045m in FY 20/21 and £1.9m for FY 21/22. So just under £5m since the pandemic.

There is £800k still be claimed against the Cambridge Road scheme, according to our system.

Regards, Helen

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I understand that there is still an unclaimed £800k for Value of Work Done associated with the Cambridge Road scheme.

**From:** Norman Will (Will Norman, Walking & Cycling Commissioner)

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**Sent:** 16 May 2022 10:33

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**Subject:** FW: VIP draft request: MGLA210422-9449 Councillor Stephanie Archer

Thanks for this letter which I’ve signed off and will go out today.

I’m anticipating a phone call from Steph. Could you give me the dates when Kingston requested the various amounts?

Thanks

Will

**Will Norman**  
**Mayor’s Walking & Cycling Commissioner**

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**From:** [REDACTED] [@london.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@london.gov.uk)>

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**Subject:** FW: VIP draft request: MGLA210422-9449 Councillor Stephanie Archer

Will,

I’ve reviewed and amended the letter. Please see attached a final version attached.

Thanks

David

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**Subject:** FW: VIP draft request: MGLA210422-9449 Councillor Stephanie Archer

Hi [REDACTED]

Ignore my previous e-mail this has just come through.

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**Sent:** 16 May 2022 09:29  
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Hi team,

Please find draft response attached.

Helen Cansick will be emailing Matt Hill, Kingston's Transport Director, separately and attaching this letter - can you send me the final version and let me know when it's been sent so that we can email Mr Hill as soon as possible after that?

Kind regards,  
Georgia

**Georgia Easterbrook | Specialist Communications Officer | Corporate Communications**

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**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@london.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** VIP draft request: MGLA210422-9449 Councillor Stephanie Archer

Hi Team,

Please can we request a draft for Will's signature.

Thanks

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**From:** Councillor Stephanie Archer █ [@kingston.gov.uk](mailto:█@kingston.gov.uk)>  
**Sent:** 20 April 2022 18:58  
**To:** Norman Will (Will Norman, Walking & Cycling Commissioner) █ [@tfl.gov.uk](mailto:█@tfl.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Go cycle funding for Kingston

Dear Will

I do hope this email finds you well.

I am writing regarding the Kingston borough Go Cycle programme following the most recent funding settlement from TfL.

You will recall that the Go Cycle programme in Kingston contains ten projects, eight of which are complete. The last two projects are partially constructed along the A2043 (Kingston Road) and the A2040 (Ewell Road). I am writing to you now with regard to the future of these final two schemes.

Unfortunately the most recent funding allocation from TfL provided no budget at all for the Go Cycle programme in Kingston. There were strong indications from TfL that 'in-flight' schemes would be supported, and our bid made clear that completion of the remaining Go Cycle in-flight schemes is a high priority and absolutely necessary to ensure the continuity of our cycle network. Despite this, TfL made no provision for Go Cycle in their funding allocation and we have not received any explanation as to why this funding has not come forward.

As a result we have regrettably had to commence the process of closing down the two remaining live schemes. This means the contractors will be decommissioning and vacating the worksites leaving behind unfinished schemes. The two projects will be shut down over the forthcoming weeks, and all the construction sites and work compounds will be vacated. The premature closure of the projects before their completion will also create some abortive costs.

Both projects will be left incomplete and unfinished. This will leave a continuous cycle route between the A3 at Tolworth through Kingston all the way to Richmond and Wandsworth except for a gap of about 500m on the Ewell Road. Similarly the cessation of work on the Kingston to New Malden project will mean that there will be a continuous cycle route between Richmond and Merton through Kingston except for the missing section on Kingston Road.

It is a bitter blow to be faltering just as we are about to cross the finish line on the programme and I am sure you share our disappointment. Having invested so heavily in the Kingston network and these two routes in particular it is such a shame that they will be left unfinished. I fully appreciate that TfL is facing a difficult funding situation but I would ask you to look again and consider if any way can be found to fund the £1.3million we need for the two final remaining stretches for the benefit of all those that live and work in south west London.



Thank you in advance for considering my request as a matter of urgency. If we receive confirmation of funding for these two schemes in the next week or so, we will be able to keep contractors onsite to finish the work and avoid incurring additional, unnecessary costs if we were to decommission the site and then recommission it at a later date.

With best wishes,

Steph

Councillor for Chessington North and Hook  
Portfolio Holder for Environment and Sustainable Transport  
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**Sent:** 16 May 2022 10:50  
**To:** Helen Cansick [REDACTED]@TfL.gov.uk>; Katherine Abraham [REDACTED]@tfl.gov.uk>; Darek Podwiazka [REDACTED]@tfl.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Re: URGENT Kingston Cycleway projects suspended

Hi all

Please find attached a suggested draft response for your comments/review from Will Norman to Kingston Cycling Campaign, based on the Cllr Archer response. I've copied their emails directly below, for ease of reference. Is the detail of the funding public knowledge, or should this be less detailed?

Thanks

Best wishes

Catharine

KCC's emails:

Dear Will

I hope you are well. I wanted to follow up on my email below about construction being suspended on two Kingston Cycleways that are part way through being built. Unfortunately, zebra crossings, bus stop bypasses and other healthy street measures remain blocked off and unusable due to construction being suspended following TfL not making a further award of funds to the Borough. Only 1.3km remains to complete C32 (Kingston to New Malden) and 500m for C29 (extension to Tolworth from Surbiton).

We would be grateful to hear the reason that funds haven't been provided and ask for TfL to commit to funding the completion of these 'in-flight' schemes as soon as possible.

As an aside, during the recent local elections, Kingston Cycling Campaign obtained commitments from the local Lib Dem; Conservative; Labour and Green parties to continue the roll out of the 'Go Cycle' schemes. This shows that the Borough has unanimous cross-party commitment to creating healthier streets. Subject to funds being available, Kingston will deliver the final two mini-Holland Cycleways and we know would be keen to deliver more (e.g. for a route to/from Chessington in the South of the Borough).

We look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]  
On behalf of Kingston Cycling Campaign

On Sun, 24 Apr 2022 at 15:17, [REDACTED] > wrote:

Dear Will

I am writing on behalf of Kingston Cycling Campaign (KCC), the local Borough group of London Cycling Campaign.

We understand from our Kingston Council contacts that in TfL's most recent funding round, TfL has **not** funded the continued construction of two Cycleway projects in the Borough despite them being mid-build. These 2 projects are the 2nd main phase of C29's extension (Surbiton to Tolworth) and C32 (Kingston to New Malden).

Our contacts understood that TfL had committed to fund their completion and we understood too that TfL had committed to fund the completion of 'in flight' projects despite its challenging funding situation. There seems to have been little explanation given on the reason for stopping the funding in the middle of their construction.

Both of these projects are important parts of the original Mini-Holland proposals for the Borough and if not completed will leave a 1.3km gap (for C32) and a 500m gap (for C29) in the middle of the Cycleways.

Both the C29 and C32 projects are delivering separated cycle infrastructure (see example [photo](#)) on key corridors in the Borough which KCC fully support. We also understand that they are on track to be delivered at a significantly reduced cost compared to pre-Covid plans.

Please can you let us know why completion of these projects have not been funded by TfL and help us get these projects back on track?

As a final note, Kingston Council has been making good progress in its Healthy Street commitments: it has kept the 3 LTNs it introduced during Covid; is introducing 20mph across Surbiton and Kingston; has commenced a rolling programme of School Street installations; installed its first on-street Cycle Hangars; and has publicly committed to completion of the current Cycleways (subject to TfL funding) and to also explore a 2nd phase of Cycleway projects.

Many thanks in advance for your assistance.

[REDACTED]  
On behalf of Kingston Cycling Campaign

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**From:** Mcewan Catharine [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@tfl.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@tfl.gov.uk)>

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**Subject:** Fw: URGENT Kingston Cycleway projects suspended

Hi all

An email from Kingston Cycling Campaign has come to me for a response (see below). I think we could base it on the response to Cllr Archer (which I'm waiting for approval on - post-election activity has slowed things down a bit) although I would think we'd want it to be more high level, less detailed. If you agree, I'll draft something asap and send round to you all for review.

Thanks

Best wishes

Catharine

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**Sent:** 11 May 2022 14:22

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**Cc:** Mayoral Correspondence [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@tfl.gov.uk>

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**Sent:** 11 May 2022 12:55

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[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@london.gov.uk>

**Subject:** URGENT Kingston Cycleway projects suspended

**Importance:** High

Hi Team

For Will's signature please, appreciate a quick turnaround please.

It's taking ages to load cases so we will send the case reference once confirmed.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 09 May 2022 19:46

**To:** Will Norman [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@london.gov.uk>

**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@lcc.org.uk>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@lcc.org.uk>;

Kingston Cycling [REDACTED] >; [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

On behalf of Kingston Cycling Campaign

Attached:

Thank you for your email asking for clarity on TfL's position with respect to further funding for the Go Cycle schemes in the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames.

In the latest funding agreement there was no additional government allocation provided specifically for Active Travel - and TfL therefore had to find the funding in this latest allocation from within our existing constrained budget, which is based on a "managed decline" scenario. The allocations to boroughs were guided and endorsed by the Active Travel Oversight Group (ATOG), a meeting stipulated within the DfT funding agreement to provide central Government oversight on how London's active travel funding is allocated.

Since May 2020, TfL has been committed to enabling Kingston to complete its Go Cycle programme, in line with the requests for funding submitted by the borough.

TfL has confirmed that the following funding has been provided since May 2020:

- £2m to complete Go Cycle schemes which were in construction at the start of the pandemic (including £800k for completing Ewell Road)
- £1.045m to progress Cambridge Road and complete Ewell Road (£800k)
- £1.2m to construct Cambridge Road
- £700k to complete Ewell Road

With this information in mind, TfL is concerned about why the borough requires a further £1.3m to complete schemes which they understood to be fully funded through to completion.

TfL has discussed options for further funding with Kingston and will continue to do so, recognising the significant cost pressures that both the borough and TfL are facing.

We are hopeful of a further funding allocation from central Government ahead of 24 June, when the current settlement expires. At this stage, we will be in a position to understand funding availability for future borough schemes.

In the meantime, I hope that this helps clarify the position for you – thank you once again for your email and for your important support for cycling schemes across Kingston.

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**From:** Will Norman [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@tfl.gov.uk>  
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**Subject:** RE : Go cycle funding for Kingston

Thanks Helen – that is helpful. Let me know how this goes. I'll have to respond to Stefbut will wait for you to get to the bottom of it

**Will Norman**  
**Mayor's Walking & Cycling Commissioner**

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**Subject:** Re: Go cycle funding for Kingston

Hi Will

I am in the process of finalising a response to Matt Hill.  
We are concerned about Kingston's management of funding. This is not the reason they didn't get more cash (that's due to the overall constrained amount available), but the two schemes in question have been fully funded from our perspective.  
Matt took an action from our last meeting with them and Cllr Archer to seek support from their finance director for the funding needed to stay on site. Katherine has spoken to him recently and he did not submit any request and is unwilling to do that.  
So we are frustrated with Kingston.  
I need to find someone to get under the skin of their processes to understand what is going wrong, because as far as we are concerned, they have had all the money they requested to complete the schemes in question.  
Leave it with me.  
Helen

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**From:** Norman Will (Will Norman, Walking & Cycling Commissioner) [redacted] [@tfl.gov.uk](mailto:[redacted]@tfl.gov.uk)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 21, 2022 9:02 am  
**To:** Cansick Helen (ST) [redacted] [@TfL.gov.uk](mailto:[redacted]@TfL.gov.uk)>; Rees Penny [redacted] [@tfl.gov.uk](mailto:[redacted]@tfl.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** FW: Go cycle funding for Kingston

I've asked for a response to the letter below through the formal channels, but wanted to know about the question of 'inflight' schemes. I also thought we were funding borough schemes that were inflight. Were these out of scope or too expensive?

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**Will Norman**  
Mayor's Walking & Cycling Commissioner

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**From:** Councillor Stephanie Archer [redacted] [@kingston.gov.uk](mailto:[redacted]@kingston.gov.uk)>  
**Sent:** 20 April 2022 18:58  
**To:** Norman Will (Will Norman, Walking & Cycling Commissioner) [redacted] [@tfl.gov.uk](mailto:[redacted]@tfl.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Go cycle funding for Kingston

Dear Will

I do hope this email finds you well.

I am writing regarding the Kingston borough Go Cycle programme following the most recent funding settlement from TfL.

You will recall that the Go Cycle programme in Kingston contains ten projects, eight of which are complete. The last two projects are partially constructed along the A2043 (Kingston Road) and the A2040 (Ewell Road). I am writing to you now with regard to the future of these final two schemes.

Unfortunately the most recent funding allocation from TfL provided no budget at all for the Go Cycle programme in Kingston. There were strong indications from TfL that 'in-flight' schemes would be supported, and our bid made clear that completion of the remaining Go Cycle in-flight schemes is a high priority and absolutely necessary to ensure the continuity of our cycle network. Despite this, TfL made no provision for Go Cycle in their funding allocation and we have not received any explanation as to why this funding has not come forward.

As a result we have regrettably had to commence the process of closing down the two remaining live schemes. This means the contractors will be decommissioning and vacating the worksites leaving behind unfinished schemes. The two projects will be shut down over the forthcoming weeks, and all the construction sites and work compounds will be vacated. The premature closure of the projects before their completion will also create some abortive costs.

Both projects will be left incomplete and unfinished. This will leave a continuous cycle route between the A3 at Tolworth through Kingston all the way to Richmond and Wandsworth except for a gap of about 500m on the Ewell Road. Similarly the cessation of work on the Kingston to New Malden project will mean that there will be a continuous cycle route between Richmond and Merton through Kingston except for the missing section on Kingston Road.

It is a bitter blow to be faltering just as we are about to cross the finish line on the programme and I am sure you share our disappointment. Having invested so heavily in the Kingston network and these two routes in particular it is such a shame that they will be left unfinished. I fully appreciate that TfL is facing a difficult funding situation but I would ask you to look again and consider if any way can be found to fund the £1.3million we need for the two final remaining stretches for the benefit of all those that live and work in south west London.

Thank you in advance for considering my request as a matter of urgency. If we receive confirmation of funding for these two schemes in the next week or so, we will be able to keep contractors onsite to finish the work and avoid incurring additional, unnecessary costs if we were to decommission the site and then recommission it at a later date.

With best wishes,

Steph

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**From:** Katherine Abraham [REDACTED]@tfl.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 05 April 2022 15:36  
**To:** John Fitcher [REDACTED]@tfl.gov.uk>; Helen Cansick [REDACTED]@TfL.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** FW: Borough funding update - Kingston

Hi John,  
For noting in Helen's absence. Do you have anything to add to this?  
Regards  
Katherine

**From:** Podwiazka Darek [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@tfl.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@tfl.gov.uk)>  
**Sent:** 05 April 2022 15:31  
**To:** Abraham Katherine (ST) [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@tfl.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@tfl.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** FW: Borough funding update - Kingston

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**From:** Podwiazka Darek  
**Sent:** 05 April 2022 15:09  
**To:** Mcewan Catharine [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@tfl.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@tfl.gov.uk)>  
**Cc:** Littlehales Harry [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@tfl.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@tfl.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** RE: Borough funding update - Kingston

Hi Catharine,

Further to the letter that was sent out to the boroughs on the latest funding allocation, I spoke with [REDACTED] from RBK and advised him that unfortunately no funding was allocated for the cycling schemes in Kingston. We talked about how much money was left in the pot for the 'in-train' schemes and potentially cover any safe stop activity. I also highlighted our continued support for the schemes and reminded him that for last financial year TfL had allocated an additional £1.2M for Cambridge Road and (from the Active Travel Fund) and a further £700K was allocated from the LIP fund to complete the Ewell Road scheme.

You may recall that we met with Matt Hill and Cllr Archer back in Jan and noted then that future funding was still uncertain. Matt Hill had confirmed then that RBK would run out of funding in late Feb on the two routes (Cambridge Road and Ewell Road) and suggested demobilisation as the schemes could not be completed due to lack of funds although Cllr Archer was not supportive of demobilisation due to the extra costs that would be incurred. We asked then whether RBK could "gap the funding" should TfL not be in a position to allocate any more money - Matt took away an action to explore the options with his Finance Director. I asked [REDACTED] on a number of occasions whether there's been any development on this and got the impression that nothing was done.

Thanks  
Darek

**From:** Mcewan Catharine [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@tfl.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@tfl.gov.uk)>  
**Sent:** 05 April 2022 14:31  
**To:** Littlehales Harry [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@tfl.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@tfl.gov.uk)>; Podwiazka Darek [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@tfl.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@tfl.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Fw: Borough funding update - Kingston

Hi both



Do you know anything more about funding for Go Cycle / Cycling for RBK - see below from Matt Hill. If not, do I need to ask Penny?

Thanks

Catharine

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**From:** Matthew Hill [REDACTED]@kingston.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 05 April 2022 13:28  
**To:** Mcewan Catharine [REDACTED]@tfl.gov.uk>  
**Cc:** Ian Price [REDACTED]@kingston.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Re: Borough funding update - Kingston

Hi Catharine

Can Tfl confirm its position in writing on Go Cycle please? and if the answer is 'nothing' then can Tfl please be asked to explain why in writing, since these are 'in flight' schemes that we are now demobilising at a reputational and financial cost to both Tfl and the borough

Thanks

Matt.

Matthew Hill  
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Shared Environment Service  
RB Kingston  
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**From:** Matthew Hill [REDACTED]@kingston.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 24 March 2022 10:57  
**To:** Mcewan Catharine [REDACTED]@tfl.gov.uk>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]@kingston.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Re: Borough funding update - Kingston

Thanks Catharine

No funding for mini-holland? Or is there a separate announcement on that?

Matt

On Thu, 24 Mar 2022, 10:42 Mcewan Catharine, [REDACTED]@tfl.gov.uk> wrote:  
Good morning

Please find attached a letter from Penny Rees, Head of Network Sponsorship, detailing the latest update on Tfl borough funding. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Kind regards

Catharine

**Catharine McEwan**

Engagement Officer | Local Communities & Partnerships

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**From:** Katherine Abraham [REDACTED] [@tfl.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@tfl.gov.uk)>

**Sent:** 24 December 2021 11:29

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[REDACTED] [@tfl.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@tfl.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** RE: Go Cycle Kingston: Short and Long term Delivery Plan

Dear [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

*Thank you for your email and your time to meet with Darek and I on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020. I thought it would be useful to note down a summary of our conversation, sorry it has taken me a few weeks to do this.*

*I found the meeting very helpful understand delivery progress on Cambridge Road and Ewell Road. I am as disappointed as you to hear that project delivery will be safely stopped in Jan 2022 because the funding awarded will, due to increasing/historic costs, not deliver the whole routes as stated in your initial bids. However, it was good to hear that when work is stopped all outstanding costs associated with these or historic projects will have been dealt with, as such if there is future TfL funding to restart the projects it will be done on that basis.*

*In April 2020, we sought to resolve the historic costs associated with the Kingston Mini Holland programme; I understand that John Futcher and Matt Hill agreed:*

- £2m funding for Kingston (this was a significant amount given the financial constraints) to cover the outstanding historic costs/risks and complete Kingston River Link, Kingston Hub, Kingston Hill, Ewell Road, and some additional design costs – funding the majority of the substantially complete Mini Holland projects;
- Kingston Rd/Cambridge Rd was removed from the Mini-Holland programme due to cost increases;
- Ewell Road would remain in the Mini Holland programme with funding allocated as we moved forward;

*Kingston has since been awarded the following funding. As discussed we seeking to honour the additional £200k commitment, but please note that this cannot be guaranteed.*

*Active Travel Funding for the second half of 2020/21:*

- Cambridge Road design - £45k (claimed)
- (37206) Cambridge Road (Showing as Cambridge Avenue on the Portal) - £200k
- (37221) Cambridge Road (Showing as Cambridge Avenue on the Portal) - £1m

*LIP funding from 2021/22:*

- (37363) Ewell Road - £700k – this is had been allocated from the LIP Corridor funding pot.

Following a conversation with [REDACTED] in early December, it was agreed that the portal shows the schemes highlighted in blue above, and I'm pleased to advise that this funding has been allocated and can be drawn down from.

Almost £4m has been awarded to Kingston since the pandemic hit – this is a significant amount of money. As explained when we met, given our current financial position, I need you to deliver within the money allocated because TfL cannot necessarily increase funding on schemes. Where there are cost increases (such as those you mention below) before they are agreed, we would like the opportunity to work with you to identify the solution which could be mitigation, scope reduction or considering an alternative funding source. With this in mind, if there are outstanding risks please work with Darek to agree the way forward.

We remain committed to working with Kingston to deliver a good cycle network, subject to funding. As discussed, it would be helpful for you to send through photos of progress/schemes to promote the work you have achieved.

kindest regards,  
Katherine

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@kingston.gov.uk>  
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**To:** Abraham Katherine (ST) [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@tfl.gov.uk>; F letcher J ohn [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@tfl.gov.uk>  
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**Subject:** Go Cycle Kingston: Short and Long term Delivery Plan

Dear Katherine and John,

As part of our ongoing collaboration, and before the second tranche fund allocation for year 21/22, we agreed with Darek that it would be a good idea to meet and discuss the Go Cycle programme. We particularly need to focus on the two ongoing in-flight implementation projects, and the potential future projects that would finalise the incomplete high capacity cycle network in Kingston. This email sets out the situation with regards to progress on site, finance, risks and the short & long term delivery plan.

The Go Cycle programme is currently progressing two construction projects - the Ewell Road project and the Kingston to New Malden project that you are already familiar with. Both projects have been steadily progressing despite numerous setbacks during the Covid 19 pandemic. Progress has been primarily determined by the ad hoc partially allocated budget and the Work Permit conditions which are very stringent because of the high propensity for traffic congestion along these strategic highway corridors.

Construction on the Ewell Road project began at the northern Surbiton end of the route, and recent construction works have been focussed at the southern Tolworth end of Ewell Road. Construction on the Kingston to New Malden project began at the western end of the route on Cambridge Road, and recent construction works have progressed along Kingston Road at the eastern New Malden end of the scheme. We have also developed a design for the junction with Hawks Road which is currently with TfLs Traffic Signal team for approval

During recent months we have successfully transferred the projects from our previous LOHAC contractor (Kier) to the new one (FM Conway). The transition between the contractors has been effective and efficient, but some risks that we have previously flagged

have materialised despite descoping and downgrading the project standards and other mitigations put in place.

Our Funding allocation changed after COVID 19 and we are no longer receiving the traditional 12 months budget at the beginning of the financial year. The current year second tranches makes delivery and planning more complicated, and creates additional risks to our projects. As it stands, from December onwards we need more funding to continue and complete the construction of these two current implementation schemes. If no funding is forthcoming we will have to wind down and cease these works until a budget is confirmed. This would be unfortunate because there is a cost to stopping and restarting work, and the public will naturally question why work has ceased, especially in the lead up to the local elections next year. We are preparing an early warning to our contractors regarding the potential cessation of work due to the funding uncertainty.

Since the takeover from the previous TfL team back in April we have had extensive verbal and written communication to resolve issues, mainly due to the COVID19 disruption. As you know, since last year, we have made considerable efforts to adapt to the rapidly changing finance situation. However, there is only so much we can value engineer before losing the modal, technical and political objectives of our projects, and if you also consider that we have contractual obligations that can't be avoided, costs have not disappeared and are seriously affecting our budget for the remaining projects.

I have emailed you on several occasions to relay our situation, below is a summary of our previous claims as a reminder:

1. On 16 June 20 Confirmation by email from [REDACTED] that a risk sum of £225,436 was approved for the additional cost on LM1 a during the bridge construction - further correspondence indicated that there was a problem with TfL portal that was never resolved from TfL side;
2. My email of 14th January 21 regarding the additional payment of £164,0892 for a new project The CUT;
3. My email of 14th January 21 regarding the additional cost of £325,208 for 5 different sites for temp traffic signals, lightings and Network Rail claims.
4. My email of 17th May 21 regarding pending Risks related to LOHAC contractual dispute with KIER (exiting the contract);
5. My email from 4th June 21 enclosing the budget drastic reduction following COVID19 that brought the delivery to below reasonable budget;
6. And my email from 21 June 21 pricing risks which have materialised;

Since then a few other claims have materialised including:

1. KIER contractual dispute resolution for £198,331.
2. LOHAC increased cost when moving to a new contractor.
3. Traffic management request from permit over £100K to guarantee movement on this sole link between Kingston and New Malden.
4. Economy of scale unfeasible due to reduced budget.
5. Payment of various invoices for TfL Signals on Ewell Rd and Cambridge Road from 2020, totalling above £110,000. Assurances were previously given that funding to cover these unexpected, increased costs would be provided in 2020 (from underspend elsewhere). As that funding did not materialise the invoices were paid this summer from the current allocation.

The risks outlined above have generally involved TfL to some degree, and more information about these risks can be provided if and as necessary.

As previously determined the budget allocated in May 21 will fund our current commitments until December 21, from then on we hope and expect there will be a new budget allocated to complete both projects. However, if no budget is confirmed to finish these two schemes then the contractors will have to vacate the work sites and the projects will be left incomplete. This would leave a prominent break between the completed sections at either ends of both projects, rendering the routes inadequate for inexperienced cyclists. In this scenario we would aim to leave the various work sites as safe and as 'coherent' as possible, but unfinished incomplete schemes are obviously unwelcome (particularly just before the Council elections) and cause reputational damage. Our Cllrs are therefore keen for on-site construction works to continue and for both projects to be completed as planned.

In order to complete the basic projects we would need additional funds of £1,15M (if the funds are released in time) that does not comprise the Hawks road junction which was descoped fully in the COVID19 budget reduction but later rehabilitated because of the serious barriers to cyclists it would cause. The council is aiming to provide hundreds of thousands of pounds from its own sources to fund improvements to the Hawks Road junction as well as better cycling facilities in a section where the reduced TfL post-Covid budget is insufficient to implement the safest option for cyclists. Confirmation of the TfL £1.15m budget combined with the RBK funding contribution would enable the continuation and completion of both projects along Ewell Road, Kingston Road and Cambridge Road by next summer. This is our priority for our meeting.

RBK is also very keen to deliver the remainder of its structural cycle network. Previous engagement with TFL (James O'Keeffe, Alexander Longdon, Kate Balderson, Simon O'Connell etc.) identified and prioritised 6 schemes that would need investigatory assessments and feasibility design works to the level of Public Consultation, so they can be priced and programmed with more accuracy for decision making next year (22/23) with a view to implementation from year 23/24 onwards. We would also like to discuss these future schemes during our meeting.

We look forward to hearing and meeting you to find a mutually convenient solution.

Kind regards



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