

# MAYOR OF LONDON

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**Ref:** MGLA070819-9567

**Date:**

Dear [REDACTED]

It was nice to meet you on 2 August and thank you for your further correspondence dated 7 August and your letter and briefing note to the Mayor dated 15 August.

As the Mayor and I have made very clear previously, we are in full support of the Silvertown Tunnel. Building a new tunnel with an associated user charge, as well as introducing a user charge at the Blackwall Tunnel, will effectively eliminate existing congestion, lead to an overall improvement in air quality and allow TfL to operate frequent and reliable cross-river bus services. The scheme will improve our environment, encourage more sustainable transport choices and support growth in east and south east London.

Again, as I have previously outlined, TfL assessed a wide range of alternative options and its work was subject to public scrutiny through a detailed sixth month public examination and four public consultations. This work clearly demonstrates that the Silvertown Tunnel is the right approach and I fully support them progressing this vital project.

I know you hold very strong views about the scheme, however, I have made my own views and those of TfL very clear now on a number of occasions. As such, I don't intend to enter into any further correspondence with you personally in relation to this scheme.

Thank you again for writing to me.

Yours sincerely,

**Heidi Alexander**  
Deputy Mayor for Transport

## DEPUTY MAYOR'S OFFICE ADVICE NOTES

(TO BE COMPLETED BY DRAFTING OFFICER)

<b>Letter Being Sent to:</b>	
<b>Topic:</b>	<i>Silvertown Tunnel</i>
<b>Drafted by:</b>  <u>Or</u> (delete either option as appropriate)  Drafted by: XXXX obo XXXX (enter name of team or officer)	<b></b> , <i>Principal Policy Officer</i>
<b>Unit/Team:</b>	<i>Transport Team</i>
<b>Cleared by (Line Manager):</b>	<b></b>

### Timeline

<b>Date - Correspondence passed over to TfL to draft reply:</b>	
<b>Date - Draft received from TfL:</b>	
<b>Date - Draft reviewed by Transport Team:</b>	<i>09/09/19</i>

### Background/Comments:

Add additional information here: this draft closes off \*0128 and \*9544

### Reason for overdue case

Case received close to deadline  
Lead officer absence  
Officer delay  
Waiting for line clearance  
Sent back within TfL's 5 day deadline