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Mike

Dear ~~Commissioner~~,

Many thanks for your letter of 7 March this year, in response to mine of 15 February to Howard Carter explaining why I was not satisfied with the 24 July 2018 Briefing Note explaining the failure to send copies of Fatigue Audit IA 17 780 to SNC Lavalin, RAIB, ORR and BTP in the wake of the Sandilands crash.

I am afraid to say that your letter has not answered the omissions listed in my letter. You say: "we have no reason to believe that there has been any deliberate attempt by any individual to withhold relevant information from any of the investigating bodies." But you do not appear to have undertaken any real investigation. Instead, one of the emails released in response to a Mayoral Question by Keith Prince AM refers to "choreographing" the production and distribution of the Briefing Note. It is hard to see how this demonstrates the level of transparency the Mayor charged us with delivering, back in 2016.

I am glad that you have shared our correspondence with RAIB and ORR. I am sure you meant to share it also with the BTP, so I have done that. Please be assured that I make no allegations about anyone deliberately withholding information from the Sandilands investigating bodies. But I do insist on correct process.

I have also shared our correspondence with Florence Eshalomi and Caroline Pigeon as chair and deputy chair of the GLA Transport Committee. I think it is important for them to have access to the information they need for their committee to perform its role as scrutineer; from this point on I shall defer to their leadership in this matter.

I do apologise for taking this step, which I can assure you has not been done lightly. My goal throughout has been simple: to ensure that TfL demonstrates – and is seen to demonstrate – the level of transparency and openness to learning that a tragedy of the magnitude of the Sandilands crash demands.

Yours sincerely,



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