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Garden Bridge Review: Transcripts made public despite Mayor's attempts to block publication

- Transcripts of interviews by Dame Margaret Hodge now published
- Mayor Sadiq Khan tried to block publication of evidence
- Includes meetings with Joanna Lumley, Sir Peter Hendy and others

Transcripts of interviews conducted by Dame Margaret Hodge during her Garden Bridge review have been made public today, despite attempts by the Mayor to prevent their publication.

Sadiq Khan, who dropped the project in August, refused to publish the transcripts despite repeated requests from Andrew Boff AM.

The London Assembly's Budget and Performance Committee was forced to issue a summons in July.

Commenting on the publication today, London Assembly member Andrew Boff, a long-term opponent of the Garden Bridge, said: "Whilst I didn't oppose the decision to drop the project, there are serious questions to be answered about the process in which this conclusion was reached.

"It is alleged the Mayor's indecision cost the taxpayer an additional £9million after he was elected and it is worrying that his first instinct under questioning was to try and block evidence from being made public. Today we are finally seeing some transparency in this process.

"I've heard some concerning reports as to the manner in which this review was conducted and I hope we can begin to shed some light on something Sadiq Khan has tried to keep us all in the dark about."

ENDS.

Notes

- Andrew Boff is a London-wide Conservative Assembly member
- Following the cancellation of the project, the Garden Bridge Trust said the Mayor's indecision since his election had led to an additional £9million of public money being spent.

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