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## **Worboys release: Assembly Member and MP call on Met to revisit outstanding allegations against convicted rapist**

- Shaun Bailey AM writes to Met Police Commissioner Cressida Dick
- Calls for Met to revisit some of the 93 allegations against John Worboys
- Letter is backed by Richmond MP Zac Goldsmith

London Assembly member Shaun Bailey has written to Met Commissioner Cressida Dick, urging her to revisit outstanding allegations against convicted rapist John Worboys before he is released from prison.

In a move backed by Richmond MP Zac Goldsmith, Mr Bailey wrote asking the Commissioner to reassess allegations against Worboys that were not previously brought to trial. A total of 93 allegations were made against him following his arrests in 2007 and 2008, but he only faced charges over 23 of those.

It is understood the CPS felt they had enough evidence on the first 23 charges to put Worboys away for the maximum possible sentence. Worboys though is now eligible for release having served just nine years in prison following a recent decision by the Parole Board.

**London Assembly member Shaun Bailey said:** “It is frankly staggering that such a prolific serial rapist could be released from prison after less than a decade in prison. As it stands, the Met is refusing to re-examine dozens of outstanding allegations against Worboys from victims who never had their day in court.

“I am calling on the Commissioner to make public the Met’s rationale for only taking 23 of the original 93 allegations forward, and to re-open those cases that were previously dismissed.

“The Met is at risk of seriously undermining public confidence unless it fully explores every possible avenue to keep this monster behind bars.”

**Zac Goldsmith, MP for Richmond Park, said:** “The parole board’s decision to release one of this country’s most prolific sex attackers after just nine years has rightly sparked outrage. There are attempts to judicially review that decision, and I very much hope they succeed.

“However, in the meantime the Met should – as a matter of urgency – re-examine those cases which were brought to its attention, but which were not taken to court because the CPS at the time felt they already had enough to put Worboys away for a very long time. That was a misjudgement, but it is not too late to put it right.”

ENDS.

**Notes**

- Shaun Bailey is a London-wide Conservative Assembly Member
- Mr Bailey’s letter to Cressida Dick is attached

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