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Dear All,

I hope you find this newsletter useful - previous editions over the last three years' have focused on 'big picture' issues which concern Londoners: clean air, crime, housing and transport.

Whilst these are covered - I have decided after several requests, to change tack on this edition and use my 'constituency case work' to illustrate a more nuanced approach and encourage those who receive this newsletter to write in with issues small and large which I can help solve. Contact details are on the back page of this edition.

Constituency Case Work

Since January 2019 to-date, I have received a real cross-section of topical correspondence from residents' and business across Hammersmith & Fulham, Kensington & Chelsea and the City of Westminster. A breakdown of the topics - from complaints about tube noise, bus cuts and bus stops being moved, the Mayor's plans for the pedestrianisation of Oxford Street, Cycle Superhighways CS9 (Hammersmith) and CS11 (North Westminster), to policing issues, especially the reduction of police numbers, moped crime, tri-borough police mergers, police station closures, anti-social behaviour, rough sleeping and the Metropolitan Police 101 service. Respecting the confidentiality of those who write in, for a breakdown click on this link:https://www.glaconservatives.co.uk/uploads/1/1/7/8/117899427/td-casework-jan-may_2019.pdf

Mayor's Question Time

I have asked **550 questions** of the Mayor since May 2016. To see a full breakdown of these written and oral questions click on this link: [Here](#)

Big Wins during 2019

I'm delighted that, by working with Westminster City Council - I have played my part in three victories over the Mayor of London's failure to initially listen to my residents'(a recurring theme with Sadiq Khan!), two in the North of the Borough and one in the West End.

- **Victoria Coach station U-turn**

CITY HALL NEWS

"SHOUT & KEEP SHOUTING IF YOU WANT OFFICIALDOM TO LISTEN"



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Your Chairman John Zamit, I know, lives by this mantra! And I've learnt one thing after 13 years as a Westminster councillor and nearly three as your London Assembly Member, it's that John is right.

If we want to change Transport for London and Mayor Sadiq Khan's mind then the only way is to take them to task in the court of public opinion. If the Mayor has to deal with uncomfortable headlines on the front page of the Evening Standard then there is a chance that he will back down.

So bravo to Emily Payne and Richard Elcho - ably assisted by our new neighbouring councillor, Margot Bright - for taking up the battle to stop TfL's planned move of the Victoria Coach Station to Royal Oak.

They've organised a local petition with 3,000 signatures and counting, a huge public meeting and there's more to come.



The land between Royal Oak tube station and Westway. Councillor Devenish (see letter above) is also opposed to this being the site for a new coach station.



Karen Buck MP is very close to Sadiq Khan. We must pressure her to STOP Khan's coach station plans.

As your GLA Member I have written to the Deputy Mayor for Transport, but we know the reality is that TfL reports to the Mayor.

Sadiq Khan is the most tribal of politicians. So the onus is on Labour MP Karen Buck to stop his plans and save our communities from an air quality and road safety disaster.

So Karen, how about picking up the phone to your friend Sadiq, with whom you are working on rent controls (which would damage London's housing if ever introduced) and stop TfL's ill-thought out coach station plans?

Finally may I make my usual offer to residents who want to see GLA City Hall "in the flesh" to come to our equivalent of Prime Ministers Questions, MQT's (Mayor's Question Time) at City Hall. Dates for the next two meetings are as follows: 21 March and 16 May 2019.

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- **CS11 Cancelled by TfL** - it's a shame it took a court case to stop a poorly designed super cycle highway damaging Regents' Park and another Mayor of London U-turn – I stress I am not anti-cyclist – just against poorly thought out projects.
- **Oxford Street £150m scheme consulted on by Westminster City Council** - it is instructive that my local council listened to our residents' in a way that won cross-party support.

I'm afraid Mayor Sadiq Khan really does need to listen to Londoners far more closely.

Keeping a close eye on Met Police Tri-Borough Merger

Despite our misgivings the Mayor pushed ahead with his cuts to our Police in February 2019 - please get in contact with real pavement examples of how **YOU** see our Police service across our three London Boroughs. Well done to our front-line police for all that they are doing.

STOP PRESS!

Mayor's U-Turn on Bus Cuts, No. 11, 22, 14 and 19

We've stopped the bus route changes in Chelsea & Fulham.

MAYOR SADIQ KHAN PROPOSED TO END THE 11 & 19 ROUTES ON THE KINGS ROAD AND SHORTEN THE 14 & 22

SAVED

- ✓ **Routes 11, 22, 14 & 19 will now run as normal**
- ✓ **Over 1,300 residents signed our petition**

"Thanks to all of our residents who signed our petition and joined our campaign."

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Hammersmith Bridge Closure

Hammersmith Bridge has been closed to vehicles for two months now and there's still no plan to reopen the bridge from either the Labour Hammersmith and Fulham Council or the Mayor of London. Last month I brought together local residents, councillors and politicians from both side of the bridge to call for the bridge to be reopened. Click on this link to view: [to call for the bridge to be reopened](#).

It's clear that repairs must begin as soon as possible as the closure is not only disrupting traffic and bus routes, but also increasing air pollution in our town centres!

HOLDING THE MAYOR TO ACCOUNT AT MAYOR'S QUESTION TIME



Next MQT Dates: 20 June, 18 July & 12 September 2019

The Assembly holds the Mayor and Mayoral advisers to account by publicly examining policies and programmes through committee meetings, plenary sessions, site visits and investigations.

If you've got something you want raised with the Mayor, or a view on how to improve services in London please write in to me.

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