

Dear All

Happy New Year and welcome to my first newsletter from the GLA in 2020.

On Thursday, 7th May, Londoners go to the polls to elect a new Mayor and Assembly Members and decide whether they want 4 more years of Sadiq Khan running our city.

*This is your chance to ensure the next Mayor utilises the considerable power and resources available to transform Londoners' lives for the better in dealing with the 'big' issues which concern Londoners: **Transport, Housing, Crime and Clean Air.***

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CLOSURE OF HAMMERSMITH BRIDGE

I'm interviewed here by Tom Edwards at BBC on reports that Hammersmith Bridge could be closed for 3 years & repairs could cost £40 million.

[Click here to watch the video](#)



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My constituents rely on the buses that cross the bridge, so I'll continue to push for Hammersmith & Fulham Council and get it open as soon as possible.

Engineers have proposed a £5 million plan to build a temporary crossing to ease the problems caused by the closure of bridge. Unfortunately, Hammersmith & Fulham Council rejected this without clear reasons, and we are now talking with the new Government to cut through the Council's and the Mayor's lack of action. What we have got to do now is make sure TfL studies this idea as quickly as possible.

TUBE NOISE MUST BE TACKLED

After continually lobbying the Mayor on behalf of my constituents and meeting Heidi Alexander, Deputy Mayor for Transport, I am pleased to report that in September TfL carried out rail grinding in the Victoria area. Whilst this is good news, the Mayor and TfL should sort this problem out once and for all, for all my constituents.

CROSSRAIL: MORE DELAYS?

With a Conservative Mayor, it was on time and on budget - click on this link [#LondonDeservesBetter](#)

The Mayor admits that Crossrail was derailed and delayed by two years and is £2.8 billion over budget on his watch!

Costs are now spiralling with billions being pumped into this delayed project while Londoners foot the bill - either through higher fares or higher taxes to the tune of £430 each. **Unacceptable.**



GRENFELL REPORT: NOVEMBER 2019

The tragedy of the Grenfell Tower fire continues to be at the forefront of all our minds. An executive summary of the report is available on this link:

<https://assets.grenfelltowerinquiry.org.uk/GTI%20-%20Phase%201%20report%20Executive%20Summary.pdf>

CRIME: KHAN'S BROKEN PROMISES



I was delighted to join Greg Hands MP, to a packed meeting on policing and crime public meeting in Chelsea, on Thursday, 3 October 2019.

We could have more Police officers on London's streets if Sadiq Khan just cut his *City Hall* waste.

Safer and more secure London – Khan promised a safer and more secure London, yet the homicide figure is the highest since 2008 and knife crime has increased by over 52% since 2015/16 – just to name a couple!

More Police Officers - Instead of making the most of his £18 billion-pound budget, Sadiq Khan has chosen to use money that could have been used to tackle violent crime for City Hall staff, PR and trade union activity.

[Our fully-costed budget plan](#) sets out how the Mayor could save nearly £83 million by cutting out this waste and pay for an extra 1378 police officers. The Mayor's flip flopping on whether he wants the police to cut or use this tool has led to significantly fewer stop and searches leaving more weapons on our streets. We believe targeted, intelligence led stop and search should be encouraged to get weapons of our streets to keep Londoners safe.

HOUSING

Sadiq Khan has **failed to deliver the new homes that London needs**, including the 116,000 homes **funded by £4.82bn of government money**.



Out of the 116,000 government-funded homes, so far just 37,187 (32% have been start under his mayoralty. At least 71, 624 homes are still needed by April 2022, and average of 6,511 per quarter. Instead of calling on the government for more money, the Mayor should focus on spending the money he has already been given. Overcrowding is worse not better, with devastating consequences for families across London.

COST OF KHAN TO LONDONERS

Our 2018 *Cost of Khan* report focused on Sadiq Khan's **broken manifesto promises**, as well as our key themes – **losing control of the streets, failing to build the homes we need, avoiding responsibility and financial mismanagement**.

We questioned Sadiq Khan at **Mayor's Question Time** on Thursday, 16 January. To see our latest news as it happens follow us on [Twitter](#) or find us on [Facebook](#).

Conservative GLA Assembly Members



Mayor's Question Time 2020

Future MQT dates: 24 February & 19 March 2020

If you've got something you want raised with the Mayor, or a view on how to improve services in London, I would be happy to hear from you.



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