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Dear Mary

I refer to my letter to Cllr Chris Roberts of 10 February 2011, in relation to the Greenwich Foot Tunnel, for which I am still awaiting a response.

Again, I write with concern amid reports from local people, complaining about the lack of information provided and the practical problems faced by cyclists and pedestrians using the tunnel.

As you know, the foot tunnel is an absolutely key component in the London cycle and pedestrian network, which is why I am worried to hear that whilst the lift is now shut down, cyclists and pedestrians using the re-opened stairs are forced to navigate boarding, obstructing the footway.

I have been advised that this obstruction is creating a hazard for people on the stairs and with the summer months approaching and anticipated increased usage of the footway, I believe there are legitimate health and safety issues to be addressed.

As these are only reports, I would like a speedy response from you in order to clarify exactly what is happening at the foot tunnel, specifically addressing the time frame for the works and the health and safety concerns raised by users. I hope that you are able to provide me with a clear response by return.

Yours sincerely,



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Dear Chris

I refer you back to my letter of the 4th September 2009 in relation to the Greenwich Foot Tunnel; it is on this matter that I am contacting you now.


Numerous constituents have contacted me over the past few days reporting that the Greenwich Foot Tunnel has been closed again without notice, consultation or alternative provision.

As you know, the foot tunnel is an absolutely key component in the London cycle and pedestrian network, as such; the closure of the tunnel has a significant affect on people's ability to cross the river.

Many people are angry that the tunnel has been closed with no warning because this often compels people to use more dangerous routes, such as the Rotherhithe Tunnel, and gives people no time or warning to plan alternative, safer routes to their destination.

I am sure you agree that this is not a situation that Greenwich Council wishes to put it's constituents in, therefore I'd be grateful to learn what measures you have put in place to mitigate the affects of this current closure.

Yours sincerely,



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