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Dear Sadiq

I hope you and your family are well and continuing to keep safe in what is a difficult time for all of us.

I would like to extend my thanks to your team for the work they have done with officers at Wandsworth Council to help us bring in and enforce social distancing measures around the borough that are so important to our residents and local businesses.

We are also very appreciative for the £868,450 we have received in funding from you so far from the London Streetspace Plan funding allocations and this has allowed us to deliver two Low Traffic Neighbourhoods, various town centre closures - including Old York Road and Bedford Hill, numerous social distancing measures and designs for three main cycle corridors including Queenstown Road and Garratt Lane.

However, despite these improvements and measures, Wandsworth Council remains very disappointed by the suspension of the LIP Corridors funding. This would have amounted to more than £2m and means we are currently unable to deliver on a number of key projects, all previously agreed by TfL, which is going to be of great concern to a lot of our residents.

These include a whole host of improvement and public realm works, such as the West Hill traffic scheme.

Even more concerning is that previously promised funding to support early temporary measures that the Council delivered as part of the TfL London Streetspace Plan ahead of the bid deadline has seemingly not been honoured.

The Council put temporary measures in place at Putney High Street, Southfields and Bedford Hill two months ago, fully agreed with TFL officers, yet despite assurances this money would be reimbursed via the LSP process, nothing has materialised, leaving us in a situation with no money to cover these committed costs.

I know that you have received generous funding of £1.6bn from London taxpayers so surely it is only right that some of that should be used for projects that have previously been supported by TfL and we were assured they would pay for? Otherwise, it feels that Wandsworth Council is being punished for delivering schemes linked to clear direction from TFL encouraging schemes to be delivered as fast as possible.

These are unprecedented times and our residents are looking to the Council for support and a response to this current situation. We urgently need the funding that has been already assured to us to deliver the schemes and measures that our communities require.

I would request an urgent response and clarification on these matters from you.

Best wishes

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Ellis', with a horizontal line underneath.

Paul Ellis
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