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**Subject:** RE: FOR URGENT CLEARANCE: BBC London / TfL statement on Kings Cross Junctions  
**Importance:** High

Hi Isabel,  
Tom E is chasing TfL for our response on this + bad news, they now will mention the corporate manslaughter charge being levied on the blogs.  
TfL legal department have drawn up the additional line below. Please can you advise if happy to go back as below, both the line in general and the legal line?  
Thanks, Jess

### If asked about the threat of Corporate Manslaughter charges against TfL

These calls are unhelpful and inappropriate while the initial Police investigations are still being carried. It is a tragedy that a young cyclist has lost her life at this junction outside Kings Cross, and as usual, we have been working with the Police with their ongoing investigation into what happened. This is part of TfL's ongoing commitment to make roads safer for all users.

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**Subject:** FOR URGENT CLEARANCE: BBC London / TfL statement on Kings Cross Junctions

Hi Isabel,

Tom Edwards from BBC London TV is planning to run the Kings Cross junction story today, the one we managed to put off last week. He has asked TfL for an interview to answer why TfL has not yet acted when a report three years ago raised concerns about this junction.

TfL are not planning to put anyone up, unless we insist. Apparently it should be Garrett or Dana, but they are both in board meetings all morning. Tom E has already filmed material at Kings Cross this morning, so we expect it will run at lunchtime.

Driving this is the bloggersphere where people are calling for a charge of corporate manslaughter, however since there is still a police investigation underway into the cyclist death last week, Tom Edwards will have to tread very carefully and will probably not mention this directly.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/politics/davehillblog/2011/oct/17/campaigner-seeks-corporate-manslaughter-charge-over-kings-cross-cyclist-death>

So, as things stand, Tom E is expecting a statement only. TfL have added to the one we cleared last week. Are you happy for us to respond as below? TfL want this line to go back to Tom E in the next half an hour.

Thanks, Jess

A Transport for London (TfL) spokesperson said:

"It is a tragedy that a young cyclist has lost her life at this junction outside Kings Cross, and we await the outcome of the ongoing police investigation into what happened. TfL monitors for collisions on all of the TfL Road Network and in the past 3 years there have been 2 serious collisions at this junction, neither of which involved cyclists.

"Since 2008, TfL has maintained the road network outside Kings Cross station and commissioned a further report in 2009 to specifically investigate what could be achieved at the three junctions around Kings Cross station. We have been working to design schemes which will benefit pedestrians and all road users, including cyclists, through the area. Earlier this year we engaged with key local stakeholders and the community about the resulting plans to increase pedestrian capacity and for safety improvements at three key junctions around Kings Cross in time for the London 2012 Games.

"Detailed design is now being finalised and work will begin later this year to be completed in spring 2012."

Additional information:

- In March 2008 a Pedestrian Environment Review System (PERS) study looked into what possible improvements could be made outside Kings Cross and St Pancras station to help enhance the local area subject to funding being secured. Following this, a further report was commissioned by TfL which investigated what specifically could be achieved at the three junctions outside Kings Cross.
- The Kings Cross Pedestrian Improvement scheme incorporates a number of the recommendations from both the 2008 and 2009 report.
- TfL has an ongoing programme of reviewing and improving the TfL Road Network to ensure that it continues to operate safely and efficiently for all transport modes, especially pedestrians and cyclists.
- TfL's Capital Development team has a number of schemes in development across London which will help improve cycling facilities (for example, by installing Advance Stop Lines at junctions and installing cycle lanes along the TfL Road Network where helpful for cyclists.)

Specifically about the PERS report

The Pedestrian Environment Review System investigated a number of junctions in the Kings Cross area. This report was prepared by TRL and Living Streets for TfL. This report identified a number of short, medium and long term improvements that could be delivered. Since then, TfL have completed a vast majority of the short term recommendations in the PERS report and the junction improvement scheme that we are working on will begin to deliver the medium and long term improvements suggested in both the 2008 and TfL 2009 report. These works will begin in November 2011 and will be completed in Spring 2012.

If asked what is being delivered for cyclists:

These improvements are predominantly to increase pedestrian capacity and safety in time for the London 2012 Games but the new road layout designs will reflect the needs of all road users, including cyclists.

Euston Road / Pancras Way junction

- We plan to remove the existing pedestrian island on Pancras Road. This will allow us to extend the footway and install new tactile paving on both the eastern and western sides of the pavement. Our plans will also create more space, with shorter and smoother crossings for pedestrians.

Euston Road / York Way junction

- To make it easier for pedestrians to cross, we are planning to extend the pedestrian island on Euston Road. Further changes to the road layout will be made including the location of the 'no stopping' yellow box and extending existing, and installing additional advanced stop lines for cyclists.

Pentonville Road at junction of Kings Cross Bridge and Caledonian Road

- We plan to remove the existing pedestrian island on York Way and extend the pavement on the western side. This will create more space, with shorter and smoother crossings for pedestrians. We also plan to install new advanced stop lines for cyclists and new tactile paving as well as change the location of the 'no stopping' yellow box.