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Dear *Kate*

Thank you for your letter of 18 March 2013.

I'm sorry that you consider Lambeth's proposed scheme has not been dealt with appropriately. I do not believe there is any sound evidence to support this view.

As you also know, this is a Lambeth scheme seeking LIPs funding. The results of the most recent consultation show 85% of respondents were in support of it and I am aware that an independent review was conducted by the Consultation Institute to verify the process was reasonable. Hence my letter to Steve Reed in October 2012 advising that we would support Lambeth Council with their preferred option.

TfL's Surface Transport Board considered whether the proposal was appropriate within the rules for LIPs funding and in line with the Mayor's Transport Strategy, which it is.

In the specific case of the current bus terminus in Clapham Old Town, it does not currently meet our required standards in respect of safety and accessibility. If we had been unable to agree a scheme with Lambeth, who are after all the highway and traffic authority for the roads in question, we would have had no choice but to prohibit passengers from boarding and alighting at the bus terminus in any case.

I am therefore fully satisfied that our decision to provide funding for this project is appropriate and has been made in accordance with all the relevant due process.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'P' followed by a series of loops and a final horizontal stroke.

**Sir Peter Hendy CBE**

cc: Caroline Pidgeon AM