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Dear All,

My Department reached a Spending Review settlement with HM Treasury which provided the overall capital envelope for transport investment. As part of this settlement, funding was secured to create a Structures Fund, which will inject cash into repairing run down bridges, decaying flyovers and worn out tunnels across the country, making everyday journeys safer, smoother and more dependable.

We believe that Hammersmith Bridge would be a good candidate for investment from the fund, and we intend to consider the viability of future funding for the next stage of works through this route. We have now launched a survey with local authorities and stakeholders to request their views on our proposed approach for the fund. The design of the fund will be finalised after the survey and any funding for Hammersmith Bridge would be subject to the same controls and eligibility criteria as other schemes funded through the Structures Fund. Any funding will be contingent on identifying a cost-effective engineering solution within a reasonable timescale that is affordable within the constraints of the fund. We have proposed in the survey that there is an expectation that a local contribution towards the costs of schemes funded through the Structures Fund be provided. Whilst there are no plans to specify a minimum level of contribution at present, we plan on higher contributions and additional third-party contributions being assessed favourably.

I intend to convene a further meeting of the Taskforce to discuss next steps once funding arrangements for the Structures Fund have been confirmed. My officials will be in touch to arrange the specifics of this in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Simon Lightwood". The signature is stylized, with a large, looped initial "S" and a long, horizontal flourish extending to the right.

SIMON LIGHTWOOD MP
MINISTER FOR ROADS AND BUSES