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Dear Robert,

Re: Former Stag Brewery planning application, GLA reference 4172b, and Homebase, Manor Road planning application, GLA reference 4795

Further to my letter to you of 1st March 2021 about the Former Stag Brewery application, I would like to request a meeting with you about that and the Homebase, Manor Road application, please.

In accordance with the call in policy outlined by Nick Boles on 26th October 2012, I requested you call in the Homebase application based on its design failings. In response, I was told local government should make these decisions. When I asked you to allow Richmond Council's decision to stand, in line with that localist approach, your department responded that call in requests must accord with the Nick Boles statement, so I am having a circular dialogue with your team. As you have not responded to me directly, I am concerned that you are not fully aware of the implications of this application. A meeting would allow me to fully appraise you of the situation.

Likewise, I think it would be useful for us to discuss the Former Stag Brewery application, to ensure the same localist principles can be applied. As with the Homebase, Manor Road application, the local council, which happens to be Richmond, would be the appropriate authority to make a decision, not the GLA. It is especially important that any decision fully takes into account the closure of Hammersmith Bridge. I am deeply concerned the GLA will not do that. Certainly, the developer, Reselton has not fully considered the impact of the bridge's closure, as its amended transport documents show.

I very much look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Olney
Member of Parliament for Richmond Park