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London SE1 2AA**Our ref:** MGLA110815-2188**Date:** 15 SEP 2015

Dear Joanne

Thank you for your letter of 10 August on behalf of your constituents about Bowes Road footbridge. I apologise for the delay in responding to you.

I am grateful that you have raised these concerns with me. I agree that progress appears slow and the fact that the stairs have not been available to customers for 16 months is frustrating. As you note though, the structure remains open and accessible to pedestrians via the ramps provided at either side.

Transport for London (TfL) has assured me that the work to reinstate full access to the footbridge is being progressed and the teams involved are focused on getting the stairs re-opened as soon as is practicable. TfL expects the work to be completed by 29 March 2016.

It is important to ensure the solution is right, and that the repair ensures that similar structural failures do not occur again. The structure was installed in 2012, and alongside analysing the fault, TfL is investigating potential liability with regards design and/or construction.

TfL's initial investigation into the cause of the structural failure of the stairs proved inconclusive. The footbridge design is complex and more detailed analysis and modelling of the structure was needed in order to establish the cause of the failure and the most appropriate repairs. This work is expected to conclude this month.

Programme of activities:	
Ongoing – 31 August	Materials testing, structural analysis and forensic investigation to determine cause of failure
01 September – 31 October	Identification of options for repair
01 November – 22 December	Detailed design
01 January – 29 March	Works implementation

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The repair works will require the entire structure to be jacked into an agreed position (to replicate the profile of the original design) whilst the modifications to the structure are made. This operation needs to be planned and implemented safely to ensure that the stability of the entire structure is not put at risk.

In the meantime, in order to give you a further detailed account of the work TfL are doing to repair the footbridge, I would like to invite you to a site visit with Dana Skelley, TfL's Director of Asset Management. I would advise you to contact Dana directly to arrange this; Dana can be contacted by email at Dana.Skelley@tfl.gov.uk. Dana's team is responsible for the repair of the bridge, and she will be able to discuss the concerns you have raised and the approach TfL has taken to ensuring the bridge is repaired safely and effectively, as well as the expected timescale involved.

Thank you again for writing to me.

Yours ever,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Boris Johnson', written in a cursive style.

Boris Johnson
Mayor of London