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Mr John Griffiths

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Sent via email:

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DLDR/NB/JC

Dear Mr Griffiths,

John

Re: Westfield Cycling

Thank you for your recent e-mails expressing your concerns about the provisions for cyclists at the Westfield Shopping Centre southern interchange and traffic generation from the shopping centre.

I have to say that at this stage Hammersmith & Fulham is not able undertake a fundamental wholesale re-appraisal of the shopping centre and its transport provisions owing to the fact that we are legally committed to follow the previous planning decisions passed some time ago under the former administration. I realise that this is not the answer you may want to hear but I am afraid we are where we are on this issue.

Notwithstanding the above, this administration is committed to trying to ensure that we get the best possible solutions for cyclists within the given parameters of traffic and bus flows and Cabinet Members will consider the final proposals for the southern interchange before deciding whether they can be agreed or need to be referred back to the Planning Applications Committee. We will take a similar approach with the Westfield Cycling Strategy when the final version is produced. Officers have been made aware of the administration's wishes in these respects and I can confirm that many Members, but in particular myself and Councillor White, will be paying particular attention to the proposed outcomes.

I understand that Nick Boyle of the Highways Division has replied to your detailed technical queries.

Can I thank you for all your work on these issues and also take this opportunity to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely,

Councillor Nicholas Botterill

Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Environment



