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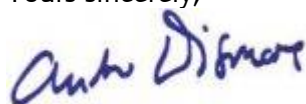
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Dear Richard,

Re: Brent Cross development

I am extremely concerned to hear of the news that Hammerson are delaying the start of the Brent Cross expansion plan and I have a number of questions I would be grateful if you could look into and answer:

1) When do they expect to start, if at all?
2) What is the cost of the delay to the Council, both in terms of costs to the Council and lost or delayed revenues?
3) What is the impact of this decision on the solvency of the Council?
4) What is the impact on the Brent Cross South regeneration scheme?
5) If the scheme does not go ahead, what is the impact on the viability of the new station at Brent Cross West, and the bridge?
6) If this scheme does not go ahead, what is the impact on the road network changes that were planned? Can they still be funded through Brent Cross South, and are they all still necessary for Brent Cross South as a stand-alone development?
7) Cllr Dan Thomas is Chair of the ARG Committee overseeing this project, and in all probability after your group AGM your likely successor as leader, and is an ardent Brexiteer. Do you have confidence that he has sufficient understanding of the problems and complexities of Brexit to manage this project, given that one of the stated reasons for the decision was the impact of Brexit?
8) If there is a deferment to the Brent Cross South scheme, what will happen to the residents currently on site? Will they be able to say for longer?
9) What impact, if any, is there likely to be on the plan to relocate the Donoghue site away from Claremont Road?
10) What communications have you had with neighbouring boroughs about this scheme going forwards?

I look forward to receiving your response.

Yours sincerely,

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