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Dear John & Will,

Please find some suggested ideas for the meeting at 5.30pm today about traffic disruption on the Isle of Dogs. A draft of this has been shared with residents via social media for their comments.

I refer to what Bristol are doing so you may find this Economist article of interest <http://www.economist.com/news/britain/21695066-plan-create-britains-smartest-city-data-deluge>

Isle of Dogs Traffic Disruption - meeting with Mayor John Biggs 22nd April

Rules

Only one planned closure allowed in any of the following critical routes at a time. A partial closure counts as ½ even if not all of a lane is taken;

Critical Routes

1. DLR – Westferry to Island Gardens
2. South Quay footbridge
3. Marsh Wall whole route including bridge
4. Prestons Road Roundabout
5. Prestons & Manchester road – north of St Johns park
6. Westferry road – north of Sir John McDougall park
7. Canary Wharf estate main east-west roads
8. Limhouse Link tunnel entrance/exit by Westferry
9. Aspen Way A1261 between junctions with A13

Only three sports or entertainment related closures a year including the Marathon

No repeat closure within 7 days i.e. no closures within a week of another full closure

No closures on bank holiday weekends

Any closure lasting more than 15 minutes counts as a full closure (unless it is the Blue bridge allowing vessels through)

Communication & Co-ordination

How to co-ordinate & communicate closures better;

- Calendar to be made publicly available marking all closures
- Council communication protocol / SOP for differing levels of blockage to be agreed
- Role of Transport for London

Developers Forum

- Emergency services, Council & resident representative
- How to encourage all developers / main contractors to be active members?

Construction

- Construction is the new normal and needs to be managed as such
- Truck parks for trucks waiting to be called onto site as per 2012 Olympics

Specific Issues

1. Wood Wharf pedestrian access closure until 2019 maybe
2. Bank street closure until 2019 maybe
3. Construction sites, pavements & entrances blocking access routes and pavements
4. Parking related disruption
5. Delivery truck issues & rules i.e. Tesco, Ocado, Amazon
6. Byng street rat run
7. Marsh Wall – 40% of people crossing at unsafe locations
8. 20 mph speed limit – a failure in isolation
9. No masterplan on how this all works, this requires a proper systems analysis & 3D model i.e. pedestrian crossing study of Marsh Wall done in isolation of other changes i.e. bridge locations

Short term solutions to traffic disruption

- 1) Better co-ordination and communication
- 2) One way streets i.e. Byng St.
- 3) Parking controls 24 hours a day 8am Monday to Friday 5.30pm but as part of a wider review as parking is highly controversial
- 4) ~~Developing pedestrian infrastructure~~

4) Proper cycling infrastructure

- a) Better & more cycle parking & Santander cycles
- b) Cycle safety stop boxes at junctions
- c) Marked routes

5) Electronic travel displays at key bus stops & points

6) Better bus routes

- a) Counter-clockwise around the island
- b) Island only circuits
- c) Stop outside Crossrail station – both directions

7) Delivery truck hours review as per Westminster Council

8) Fines for utility work left unattended / work not being done

9) Taxi cab ranks set aside, they only exist in CW

10) Delivery truck parking spots set up i.e. on pavement – Landmark Tesco

Medium term solution

- 1) Red route – Manchester, Prestons & Westferry
- 2) CCTV for control on every critical route
- 3) Smart city ideas for better traffic management i.e. Bristol
- 4) Big belly solar powered networked waste bins – require less frequent pickups
- 5) Waste compactors to reduce volume of rubbish
- 6) Universal fibre to the home / WiMax network – help encourage home working

Long term solution

- 1) All public facilities within walking distance as part of a proper plan i.e.
 - a) Quality grocery stores (not just more Tesco)
 - b) Primary schools
 - c) GP surgeries
 - d) ATM / Post office

(a) Reduces bus and vehicle traffic
- 2) Cycle & pedestrian bridges / routes
 - a) To Rotherhithe
 - b) Greenwich Peninsula
 - c) Two across South Quay (but not at the expense of ships mooring)
 - d) Across Aspen Way
 - e) By Millwall Cutting Quay
 - f) Across River Lee / Bow creek to Newham
- 3) Underground waste extraction pipe system reduce rubbish pick up
- 4) Centralised delivery node i.e. Amazon, Ocado delivery rules
- 5) Better use of the river Thames i.e. Thames Deckway
- 6) Naked/shared streets but only on some streets
- 7) New public access routes;
 - a) Through Westferry Printworks
 - b) Through Woodwharf
 - c) Through North Quay parallel to Aspen Way & into Billingsgate

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