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Rt Hon Grant Shapps MP
Secretary of State for Transport
The Department for Transport
Great Minster House
33 Horseferry Road
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Dear Secretary of State

Hammersmith Bridge financing options

I appreciate how extremely busy you will be right now but would be grateful if we could arrange the second meeting you suggested having, as soon as possible.

Further to my letter on 19 February, accompanied by the London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham's submission of the Outline Financial Plan for funding the repair of Hammersmith Bridge, we are keen to open detailed discussions with the financial services sector as the next stage of developing the proposals for a trust or company to raise the necessary funds. I am advised that requires clarification from government on the programme of future government decision-making that will enable these proposals to proceed and with expediency.

Please let me know which dates might suit.

With best wishes

Cllr Stephen Cowan

Leader of the London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham

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- **Ms Kim Smith**, Chief Executive of the London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham
- **Baroness Vere of Norbiton**, Minister for Roads, Buses and Places