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Dear Mr Johnson,

When I rode alongside you to help you launch your vision for cycling in March this year, you made a verbal promise to look at the successful experiences of Paris and many other cities in restricting the movements of heavy vehicles during peak hours.

Also, in the document, *the Mayor's Vision for Cycling in London (2013)*, you state:

- "In consultation with business, we will study the experience from cities such as Paris and Dublin, where lorries over a certain size are restricted from certain parts of the city or at certain times of the day." (p20)

There have now been six cycling fatalities on the capital's roads in two weeks and a total of 14 so far in 2013. HGVs were involved in nine of the fatal crashes - that's 64% of the fatalities - despite making up less than 5% of traffic. In Paris last year there were zero cyclist fatalities.

British Cycling is disappointed that, eight months later, nothing has been announced on progressing this. Now is the time to make the tough and critical decisions necessary to achieve your vision - without that, more lives will be put at risk.

Paris is a safer place to ride a bike and we believe that this is, at least in part, due to the restrictions on dangerous vehicles entering the city during peak hours. London has an opportunity to emulate and surpass Paris and to lead the way for the other ambitious cycling cities across Britain. Let's not waste this opportunity to do something now. The longer we delay, the more lives will be lost.

Improving HGV safety is a key aspect of our road safety manifesto. My colleagues at British Cycling are willing to help on this matter in whatever way they can. Do let us know if we can be of any assistance.

I would welcome an update on how this matter is progressing at City Hall.

Yours sincerely,



Chris Boardman