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## **Ron Crompton**

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**Date:** 12<sup>th</sup> October 2011

Dear Ron

### **NEW GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ROYAL PARKS**

I'd like to update you on the new governance arrangements for the Royal Parks and the establishment of a new Royal Parks Board.

The Mayor's Royal Parks' Board will be responsible for advising on the Royal Park Agency's priorities, planning, policy and performance, as well as overseeing local engagement and promoting philanthropy, and providing support, advice and challenge to the Royal Parks Executive.

The Mayor proposes to appoint 12 members to the Board as follows:

- a. The Royal Household will nominate one member;
- b. London Councils will nominate 3 members to represent London Boroughs;
- c. Six members, including the Chair, will be appointed by the Mayor following recommendations by a selection panel.
- d. The Chief Executive of the Agency will be appointed as an executive member;  
and
- e. The Chair and the Chief Executive will nominate one executive of the Agency to be appointed as the second executive member.

The Secretary of State for DCMS has also agreed with the Mayor that it would be in the best interests of the Royal Parks, that the non executive chair of the current Royal Parks Board, Apurv Bagri, will be appointed as chair of the new board for a period of 4 years together with the 3 non executive members of the existing board, Andrew Fenwick, Sue Moore and Ruth Anderson who will also remain on the board for a period of 2 years.

The process for appointing the remaining members will begin towards the end of October and will be advertised on The Royal Park's website. The new Board will become operational from 17<sup>th</sup> November 2011.

The new board will work effectively to ensure the Royal Parks remain a national treasure and the interests of Londoners in the management of the parks are effectively taken into account.

The Mayor recognises decisions affecting the future management of the parks must consider the views of local people who care passionately about the Royal Parks and he will relay this to the board as they consider this issue.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edward Lister", followed by a horizontal line.

**Sir Edward Lister**  
Chief of Staff and Deputy Mayor