

Email from Cumberland Basin Stakeholder Group to Marvin Rees (Mayor of Bristol): 12th August 2020

Dear Marvin,

I hope this finds you well

I wrote to you on 29th June and am quite disappointed by the fact that I have not received any response. I know that other things must be taking priority but I am hoping that lockdown does not mean that we cannot continue to have some sort of dialogue, directly or through appropriate officers.

Your Advisory Group has not met, in any fashion, for nearly 6 months and as yet there are no signs of finding alternative ways of opening further dialogue on this major project.

You will understand that silence does not necessarily indicate to us or to the wider public, who are asking questions, that nothing is happening.

We should be interested to receive a response to our earlier email and to understand how we might re-open any dialogue from here on in.

I look forward to hearing from you

Yours

Dennis Gornall
Chairman Cumberland Basin Stakeholder Group

Response from Marvin Rees (Mayor of Bristol): 27th August 2020

Dear Dennis

Thank you for your email and patience while I replied – apologies for the delay.

I am disappointed to hear Nula and her team have not been in contact. I have communicated with them that they need to be much more proactive in their approach to this, and to make sure they are speaking to you regularly. I agree that the advisory group meeting should be restarted as soon as possible so people can feed in and be informed about the work, and so that dialogue can take place in the most effective forums.

Nuala will be able to update you on the progress, however as you'd expect there has been some delay and reprioritisation while the pandemic has directly impacted council services and finances. As the focus turns to Bristol's recovery, the project and the opportunity will become even more important – I am grateful for your help in ensuring the local community are part of the conversation.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marvin". The letters are cursive and slightly slanted to the right.

Marvin Rees

Mayor of Bristol