

## GARDEN BRIDGE - A SUMMARY CHRONOLOGY

Year Date	Event	Activity	Source
1999 21 May		First public proposal for bridge by Lumley: 'If the bridge goes ahead I will be there from the first day of drilling. I would have to get a permanent pod on the Millennium Wheel so I can watch the whole process... On May 2, I will be hammering on the Mayor's door' (The bridge would not, however, be purely symbolic - Lumley has thought long and hard about its location. Her solution would open up a much-needed pedestrian route between St James's Park and Jubilee Gardens, close to the site of the Millennium Wheel on the south bank of the Thames. If built, the bridge is intended to cross the river just to the east of Big Ben.)	<a href="http://www.newcivilengineer.com/joannas-ab-fab-idea/837892.article">http://www.newcivilengineer.com/joannas-ab-fab-idea/837892.article</a>
2002 2002 27 August 2002 27 August	Lumley 1st bridge proposal	to Coin Street Community Builders (CSCB). Cost est: £19m Now located at CSCB: "Does SE1 need a Diana memorial bridge?"	<a href="http://www.london-se1.co.uk/news/view/273">http://www.london-se1.co.uk/news/view/273</a> <a href="http://www.london-se1.co.uk/news/view/273">http://www.london-se1.co.uk/news/view/273</a>
2004		Lumley re-writing the past: "I walked up and down the Thames in central London on both sides of the river, taking photographs, to find a useful and important place to site it. I thought it should span the river between Gabriel's Wharf on the south bank, very close to the National Theatre, and arrive on the north bank at Arundel Street between Temple underground station and the big ship that's permanently moored there... Thomas Heatherwick, an artist and designer of incomparable originality and talent, would be happy to work on the bridge; he had already made a small prototype bridge in glass, my favoured material. I went to meet Ian Tuckett of the Coin Street Community Builders... He liked the modesty of our proposed bridge"	In "No Room for Secrets", Lumley autobiography
2008 01 May	Boris Johnson(BJ) elected Mayor of London	1st Term	
2009 05 May		Johnson suggests a habitable bridge across the Thames	<a href="https://www.theguardian.com/artanddesign/2009/may/05/shortcuts-architecture-boris-johnson-bridges">https://www.theguardian.com/artanddesign/2009/may/05/shortcuts-architecture-boris-johnson-bridges</a> and later: <a href="http://www.london-se1.co.uk/news/view/3864">http://www.london-se1.co.uk/news/view/3864</a>
2012 2012 05 May 2012 11 May 2012 26 June 2012 25 July 2012 26 July 2012 30 August 2012 24 September 2012 12 November 2012 14 December	Boris Johnson(BJ) elected Mayor of London  Northbank BID Ltd incorporated	2nd Term.  Joanna Lumley (JL) writes handwritten to Mayor BJ note "Thomas Heatherwick(TH) & I would very much like to meet you in the near future to talk most earnestly about the idea of a bridge, a green pedestrian bridge, with cycle tracks..."  Boris Johnson to Joanna Lumley: expressing pleasure that she is meeting Edward Lister  Edward Lister and Isable Dedring deputy mayors for planning & transport, meet Lumley  Boris Johnson to Thomas Heatherwick. Post Olympics Thank you letter  Mayor, Lister & Dedring meet Heatherwick & Lumley to discuss 'the idea for Garden Bridge'  Peter Hendy, commissioner of Transport for London meets with Lumley & Heatherwick Tfl briefing note marked ' <b>draft and confidential</b> ' begins by saying the mayor is ' <b>keen for Tfl to support</b> ' the Heatherwick scheme	  FOI's - 23/4/2014 & 16/7/2015) <a href="http://www.architectsjournal.co.uk/home/lumleys-boris-letter-fuels-garden-bridge-lobby-claims/8677968.fullarticle">http://www.architectsjournal.co.uk/home/lumleys-boris-letter-fuels-garden-bridge-lobby-claims/8677968.fullarticle</a>  <a href="https://s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/document-api-images-prod/docs/qOOXdvhrWFdWfXtHE15y5-oG_sGmMa1AKn6YlYlQGn8/application-pdf?AWSAccessKeyId=ASIAI4RR5TJQD24VK7JQ&amp;Expires=1518346127&amp;Signature=92UJCG70CNPr9iZRhnGoZrC%2BdBKl%3D&amp;x-amz-security-tination/4788-2.pdf">https://s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/document-api-images-prod/docs/qOOXdvhrWFdWfXtHE15y5-oG_sGmMa1AKn6YlYlQGn8/application-pdf?AWSAccessKeyId=ASIAI4RR5TJQD24VK7JQ&amp;Expires=1518346127&amp;Signature=92UJCG70CNPr9iZRhnGoZrC%2BdBKl%3D&amp;x-amz-security-tination/4788-2.pdf</a>  FOI's - 23/4/2014 & 16/7/2015) <a href="https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gla_migrate_files_des_tination/8448_Redacted_0.pdf">https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gla_migrate_files_des_tination/8448_Redacted_0.pdf</a>  <a href="https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gla_migrate_files_des_tination/4788-1.pdf">https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gla_migrate_files_des_tination/4788-1.pdf</a>  <a href="https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gla_migrate_files_des_tination/8448_Redacted_0.pdf">https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gla_migrate_files_des_tination/8448_Redacted_0.pdf</a>  FOI Source: WH

2012 17 December

Peter Hendy and Michele Dix, Commissioner & managing director of planning at TfL with Lumley and Heatherwick

Dedring meets to discuss 'Garden Bridge next steps' with Heatherwick and Lumley

[https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gla\\_migrate\\_files\\_destination/8448\\_Redacted\\_0.pdf](https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gla_migrate_files_destination/8448_Redacted_0.pdf)

## 2013

2013 January		Mayor meets TfL commissioner and managing director of planning, and instructs TfL to develop the concept for an 'Innovative and novel design based around a living bridge'	
2013 08 January		TfL legal deliver advice: " <i>The procurement .. for the bridge will need to be subject to competition through OJEU. It will be for the appropriate procurement team to write the procurement strategy but this note ... concludes that a design contest is likely to be the most suitable process. Given the design contest process is tailored to the sort of circumstances presented by the garden bridge, it seems the most suitable process to follow.... Level playing field: We are aware that Thomas Heatherwick has already raised with the GLA and TfL the possibility of a garden bridge across the river between Temple and South Bank and care will be needed to ensure that, particularly in relation to timing of the competition and its specification, other bidders have an equal opportunity. No specific details of the design contest itself that could be construed as giving anyone an unfair advantage should be made public before the contest is started.</i> "	TfL Audit Report, GLA Scrutiny 17 Dec 2015 & FOI
2013 09 January		TfL's head of corporate affairs Caroline Murdoch emails colleagues to say that deputy mayor for transport Isabel Dedring is planning to brief Heatherwick and Lumley on a ' <i>proposed way forward</i> ' at a meeting later in January TfL's and DeCani and his managing director of planning, Michelle Dix to discuss Thomas Heatherwick's forthcoming visit to TfL's Emirates Airline cable car. " <i>Isabel Dedring is going to let them know that there will be a proposed way forward, that might be shared with them early next week.</i> " " <i>I will give you a verbal update on the rest of the discussion unless Peter Hendy would prefer to.</i> " " <i>Richard, given all the work that Thomas Heatherwick and Arup has done to date, is it going to be quicker for them to take a lead and we help them?</i> "	
2013 10 January		Boris Johnson Regular TfL meeting: with Peter Hendy & Staff (Edward Lister & Isabel Dedring?)	GLA FOI 23/4/2014 Original source: WH
2013 15 January		Lambeth Council leader Lib Peck meets, Lumley and Heatherwick	
2013 16 January		Updated briefing note warns colleagues ' <i>not to make premature announcements around particular designs or proposals ahead of the procurement process being completed</i> '	
2013 31 January		Hendy meets with Heatherwick	
2013		Heatherwick meets Lister to discuss 'Garden Bridge planning proposal'	
2013 01 February		Heatherwick and Lumley present Garden Bridge Design to Mayor, Lister and Dedring. Unrecorded on official records	FOI's - 23/04/2014
2013 3-5 February	APPLE TRIP	BJ & TH with Elizabeth Dedring (Deputy Mayor for Transport) go to Apple California, to raise funds for 'Garden Bridge' on a privately listed trip at taxpayers expense,	GLA Scrutiny 17 Dec 2015 & FOI ; <a href="https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/3875-1_redacted.pdf">https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/3875-1_redacted.pdf</a>
2013 06 February	TfL Board Meeting City Hall		GLA FOI 23/4/2014 ; Clive Walker head of internal audit in
2013 08 February		TfL approaches Heatherwick Studio plus Wilkinson Eyre and Marks Barfield about its intention to issue an invitation to tender	TfL 1st Internal Audit report
2013 13 February	DESIGN SERVICES INVITATION		ITT Ref: TfL/90711
2013 25 February		ITT Tender Returns	ITT Ref: TfL/90711
2013 26 February		TfL send Heatherwick's email seeking clarification of rates	1st Audit report
2013 08 March	Heatherwick Studio contract award notified	TfL notifies Heatherwick Studio they have been awarded the contract	Final Audit report
2013 08 March		Johnson suggests Blackfriars Railway Bridge pillars could be used for a green bridge	<a href="http://www.london-se1.co.uk/news/view/6685">http://www.london-se1.co.uk/news/view/6685</a>
2013 08 March		TfL commercial manager questions scoring of concept design bids. Despite this, Heatherwick Studio is awarded the contract the same day	FOI
2013 11 March		w/commencing date for notification of ITT results and contract award	ITT Ref: TfL/90711
2013 11 March	TfL Board Meeting City Hall		GLA FOI 23/4/2014 NB Minutes Item 37/03/13 Delegation to the Finance and Policy Committee of Transactions Over £100m

2013 13 March	Heatherwick Studio contract commences		TfL>HS 8/03/2013
2013 01 April	TEMPLE BRIDGE LEAD CONSULTANT TENDERS		ITT Ref TfL 90001 Task 112
2013 03 April		Lumley: <i>"I think we're going to see such a huge regeneration, particularly on the north bank. Particularly on this huge and terribly grand area which has somehow got overlooked by London, which is the south side of the Aldwych, the straight side of the aldwych, the strand... the middle temple, it's got some of the loveliest buildings... medieval buildings which nobody really knows about because nobody's drawn this way... this is something for the regeneration of London and it's... going to be... a little tiara across the thames, and without the thames London wouldn't even be here"</i>	<a href="http://www.lbc.co.uk/listen-joanna-lumley-on-londons-garden-bridge-89702">http://www.lbc.co.uk/listen-joanna-lumley-on-londons-garden-bridge-89702</a>
2013 19 April	Garden Bridge Trust Domain Name/registration acquisition	1. <a href="http://whois.domaintools.com/gardenbridgetrust.org">http://whois.domaintools.com/gardenbridgetrust.org</a> gardenbridgetrust.org - created 19.04.2013 Registrant Name: GardenBridgeTrust.org, Registrant Organization: Garden Bridge Trust, Registrant Street: Somerset House, Registrant Email: info@gardenbridgetrust.org	<a href="http://whois.domaintools.com/gardenbridgetrust.org">http://whois.domaintools.com/gardenbridgetrust.org</a>
2013 7 May 2013 14 to 16 May 2013 May DATE TBC? 2013 13 June	Arup Appointed Cost est: £60m	Bid received from Arups interviews held with four bidders Arup appointed Plans for bridge publicly announced across media.	TfL Audit report  eg: <a href="http://www.london-se1.co.uk/news/view/6897">http://www.london-se1.co.uk/news/view/6897</a> <a href="https://www.dezeen.com/2013/06/13/thomas-heatherwick-reveals-garden-bridge-across-the-thames/">https://www.dezeen.com/2013/06/13/thomas-heatherwick-reveals-garden-bridge-across-the-thames/</a> TfL & GLA FOI 23/4/2014 . TfL Board Item 5 Commissioners Report- 7.2 Project updates p.34 <a href="https://www.bdonline.co.uk/news/tfl-prepares-to-spend-%C2%A34m-taking-heatherwick-bridge-to-planning/5057657.article">https://www.bdonline.co.uk/news/tfl-prepares-to-spend-%C2%A34m-taking-heatherwick-bridge-to-planning/5057657.article</a>
2013 03 July	TfL Board Meeting City Hall		
2013 12 July	Cost est: £60-100m		
2013 18 July	TfL Finance & Policy Com Meeting	GB Awarded £4m development funding	<a href="#">TfL: Meeting Report Items 4.20, 4.21, 4.22</a>
2013 26 July 2014 29 July		TfL's contract with Thomas Heatherwick Studio ends BBC Imagine on Thomas Heatherwick: Lumley: <i>"I've known boris since he was four, so he's largely quite amenable"</i>	ref: Final Audit report <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p01df5ym">http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p01df5ym</a> ; BBC Imagine July 29, 2013 <a href="https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gla_migrate_files_destination/3082-5%5B1%5D.pdf">https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gla_migrate_files_destination/3082-5%5B1%5D.pdf</a>
2013 6 August	Mayor & George Osbourne Meet	confirmed in Johnson to Osbourne letter of the following day, Garden Bridge discussion, seeking Gov. underwriting of £100m & presentation of the scheme to his officers	<a href="https://www.london.gov.uk/decisions/md1248-temple-south-bank-footbridge-development-proposals">https://www.london.gov.uk/decisions/md1248-temple-south-bank-footbridge-development-proposals</a>
2013 27 August	Mayoral Decision	<b>Date of 1st Mayoral Decision Ref: MD1248</b> It has been agreed by the Greater London Authority (GLA) and Transport for London (TfL) that TfL will undertake activities to develop and help enable a proposed footbridge (the Garden Bridge) connecting Temple and South Bank. Chancellor George Osborne commits £30m to the project	
2013 September 2013 30 October	Garden Bridge Trust Incorporated	Garden Bridge Trust (GBT) officially incorporated. Heatherwick as its sole founding member helps establish the Garden Bridge Trust. Also present and representing his Heatherwick Studio were staff members Stuart Wood, the firm's head of innovation, and Bee Emmott, then head of special projects Cost of delivering the project stated as £150m Heatherwick has attended a further seven trustee meetings and has, alongside trustees, approved two memoranda of association in 2013 and 2015 which amended the aims of the Trust and increased the number of trustees from 12 to 15 respectively The chairman of the Garden Bridge Trust, Mervyn Davies, told Margaret Hodge that Heatherwick had asked him whether he 'would be interested in being the chairman' prior to the establishment of the charity.	<a href="https://s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/document-api-images-prod/docs/8QPQFAiP_IB0g5dvUxU2w9kPqS4jzP9iU9FXJz2km6k/application-pdf?AWSAccessKeyId=ASIAJGO6RG4A33XSRLA&amp;Expires=1518346851&amp;Signature=Soh0LGUr5lvqYY25uV%2B6bPyC4w0%3D&amp;x-amz-security-token=FQoDYXdzECwaDELIENVXuSjhb2db6iK3A%2ByefjO2Eiaa2KU3nf2QgaHLqKt0oTZ5QWxaRipMmDQL7jCwsBb17VGboMQQtTeQtMRaMTYgkpk0KB1ktewp1y4%2BLUEycXly93e2DUqPUeCogjD2g1VTWaqA6ZDIkxtpTxMxyF%2FveGkokig%2BFCNRsST32Avo4mOGxa%2B5bcfcm%2BI3IHZ0Zp0ga2kxMkJoiPJs7KvDVwF4zo4PtWgvK2Dj7ev%2B9tbWhS5brl7swNONGs7%2B1u%2FDQf6ZoV8W9bhwy1nhXFzL2MycgjxpRxcu4uxTqCAxUYdvNAIPezJEWDTsAOodwq7GFh1jxUgsW8hxHkpTx5#NAME?">https://s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/document-api-images-prod/docs/8QPQFAiP_IB0g5dvUxU2w9kPqS4jzP9iU9FXJz2km6k/application-pdf?AWSAccessKeyId=ASIAJGO6RG4A33XSRLA&amp;Expires=1518346851&amp;Signature=Soh0LGUr5lvqYY25uV%2B6bPyC4w0%3D&amp;x-amz-security-token=FQoDYXdzECwaDELIENVXuSjhb2db6iK3A%2ByefjO2Eiaa2KU3nf2QgaHLqKt0oTZ5QWxaRipMmDQL7jCwsBb17VGboMQQtTeQtMRaMTYgkpk0KB1ktewp1y4%2BLUEycXly93e2DUqPUeCogjD2g1VTWaqA6ZDIkxtpTxMxyF%2FveGkokig%2BFCNRsST32Avo4mOGxa%2B5bcfcm%2BI3IHZ0Zp0ga2kxMkJoiPJs7KvDVwF4zo4PtWgvK2Dj7ev%2B9tbWhS5brl7swNONGs7%2B1u%2FDQf6ZoV8W9bhwy1nhXFzL2MycgjxpRxcu4uxTqCAxUYdvNAIPezJEWDTsAOodwq7GFh1jxUgsW8hxHkpTx5#NAME?</a>
2013 01 November		Heatherwick interview: <i>"My experience, when I studied, was that there were famous architects with amazing ideas, but they didn't happen. With this role I knew that I needed to be the designer and the midwife"</i>	
2013 01 November	Cost est: £150m		<a href="https://www.bdonline.co.uk/public-consultation-begins-on-heatherwicks-%C2%A3150m-garden-bridge/5063005.article">https://www.bdonline.co.uk/public-consultation-begins-on-heatherwicks-%C2%A3150m-garden-bridge/5063005.article</a>
21 November	George Osbourne & Mayor Boris Johnson Meet	Funding package for Garden Bridge agreed.	<a href="#">FOI Source: WH</a>

2013 29 November		Alistair Subba-Row, GBT: <i>"More than one million square feet of development is planned in the area over the next few years. I can quite easily see this part of South Bank rents getting to £60 per square foot and £70 on the North Bank".</i>	<a href="http://www.standard.co.uk/business/markets/property-garden-bridge-will-prove-fertile-ground-for-landlords-8969257.html">http://www.standard.co.uk/business/markets/property-garden-bridge-will-prove-fertile-ground-for-landlords-8969257.html</a>
2013 4 December	National Infrastructure Plan Funding	Garden Bridge Funding announced in National Infrastructure Plan	
2013 8 December	George Osbourne to Mayor Boris Johnson.Letter	States Chancellors funding terms: TfL to fund on going maintenance, risks to become TfL liabilities, provision of an HM Treasury style satisfactory Business Case Funding (& value for money) c/c Sec of State Transport	<a href="https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gla_migrate_files_destination/3082-5%5B1%5D.pdf">https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gla_migrate_files_destination/3082-5%5B1%5D.pdf</a>
2013 11 December		Johnson says the Garden Bridge <i>"has no purpose"</i> : <i>"the bridge with no purpose". "It will,"</i> he continued, <i>"have bowery corners where LSE students can have romantic assignations, meditate or read Marx. Bicycles won't be allowed but what about dogs, man's best friend? What do you think? Let's take a vote."</i>	<a href="http://www.standard.co.uk/news/londoners-diary/boris-johnson-shares-his-vision-of-the-capital-in-2050-with-the-lse-8995386.html">http://www.standard.co.uk/news/londoners-diary/boris-johnson-shares-his-vision-of-the-capital-in-2050-with-the-lse-8995386.html</a>

## 2014

2014 January	GB Trust Recieves Charitable Staus		GBT Business Case
2014 28 January	Mayor Boris Johnson to George Osbourne. Letter	Agrees match funding, Seeks qualification over two concerns Maintenance & construction risks - by outlining of liabilities by transfer of maintenance, risk management of over-runs & liabilities to Garden Bridge Trust	<a href="https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gla_migrate_files_destination/3082-5%5B1%5D.pdf">https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gla_migrate_files_destination/3082-5%5B1%5D.pdf</a>
2014 28 January		When Princess Diana died in 1998, Lumley proposed a garden bridge as a memorial: <i>"Something that ... would still be going long after everybody has been forgotten, bang in the middle of the greatest city in the world. The Thames is the senior partner here, because otherwise there wouldn't be a city here."</i> <i>She envisaged .... a place for dawdling or contemplation. "and beyond this fairyland of small trees — St Paul's".</i> <i>So she contacted Sir Terence Conran, who introduced her to Heatherwick: "Terence called him 'the da Vinci of his day', and he doesn't use words like that lightly."</i> She talked to architects and the engineering firm Ove Arup and had a set designer knock up a rough model of a bridge with three spans and two feet in the water — all that the Port of London authority would allow-for her to tout around.  Also claims Heatherwick approached her: "Sure enough, in 2012, the now-renowned Heatherwick told her Transport for London was inviting proposals for a pedestrian bridge. <i>"So he got me out of my box and said, let's look at this together,"</i> she says."	Evening Standard 28 Jan 2014.
2014 5 February	TfL Board Meeting City Hall		Mayors Diary
2014 7 February	George Osbourne to Mayor.Letter	Agreement reached on paying the Gov. contribution as a grant, & advises that TfL should do so too & not as a loan	<a href="https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gla_migrate_files_destination/3082-5%5B1%5D.pdf">https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gla_migrate_files_destination/3082-5%5B1%5D.pdf</a>
2014 12 March		Johnson at MIPIM: <i>"Later this year, we will go in for planning permission for an absolutely beautiful, stunningly beautiful project. A new Garden Bridge. I don't quite know what the point of this thing is,"</i>	<a href="http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/2014/03/12/boris-johnson-garden-bridge-point_n_4948966.html">http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/2014/03/12/boris-johnson-garden-bridge-point_n_4948966.html</a>
2014 12 March		Asa Bennett, Boris Johnson Doesn't Know 'The Point' Of The Garden Bridge (That He's Paying £30m For), <i>Huffington Post</i> ,	
2014 27 March	Boris Johnson to George Osbourne. Letter	Summary of final in principle Gov. funding agreement	<a href="https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gla_migrate_files_destination/3082-5%5B1%5D.pdf">https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gla_migrate_files_destination/3082-5%5B1%5D.pdf</a>
2014 May	Plan Application Submissions	Planning applications submitted to Lambeth and Westminster Council	
2014 June		Lumley on 5x15: <i>"the water gleaming off it because it's going to be clad in cupranickel. Easily the most expensive thing you could clad it in, easily" "this is a gift from us to London, this is for London, for London town actually"</i>	<a href="http://5x15.com/presenter/joanna-lumley/">http://5x15.com/presenter/joanna-lumley/</a>
2014 26 June		Lumley on Newsnight	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jR6nX7ew1SA">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jR6nX7ew1SA</a>



2014 27 June		Garden Bridge event at Siobhan Davies Dance Studio: Lumley: <i>"This was about 1998 99 and I began to walk up and down the river in central London, because whenever you're doing something huge and daring go straight to the middle... and the first place I thought of, I arrived on the south bank where now the great wheel is, the great eye, so I realised that that wasn't going to work." "</i> <i>The idea was put forward into the competition of what should be the memorial for the Princess of Wales... we came second. But what was started and what was planted in my life was the seed of knowing Thomas heatherwick... And so when, ten years later, London had had the Olympics and gained its courage, Thomas had flown into the stratosphere with his beautiful flames, his buses, his shanghai pavilion. Times had changed again and Thomas rang me this time and said "I think there's a chance that the bridge could go""</i>	
2014 August	Robert Goodwill MP U-Sec. State DfT to Boris Johnson. Letter	Exchange on Proposed Redetermination of 2014/15 GLA Transport Grant & additions to TfL Funding Agreement	<a href="https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gla_migrate_files_destination/3082-2%5B1%5D.pdf">https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gla_migrate_files_destination/3082-2%5B1%5D.pdf</a>
2014 August	Public Meeting	2nd Local Public Meeting at which disbelief/anger at the proposals were were expressed near unanimously	
2014 03 September	Boris Johnson to Robert Goodwill MP U-Sec. State DfT. Letter	Confirms Tim Steer GLA Head of Transport has confirmed directly with DfT on working together..progressiong funding	<a href="https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gla_migrate_files_destination/3082-2%5B1%5D.pdf">https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gla_migrate_files_destination/3082-2%5B1%5D.pdf</a>
2014 12 September	GB Trust Announce Design & Build Contract Tender		<a href="http://www.cnplus.co.uk">www.cnplus.co.uk</a>
2014 17 September		Johnson on GBT Business case: <i>"The Garden Bridge has an extremely positive business case and will directly support policies in my Transport Strategy for making London a more walkable and liveable city and support the economic development of London."</i> <i>"The Garden Bridge has an extremely positive business case and will directly support policies in my Transport Strategy for making London a more walkable and liveable city and support the economic development of London. I have asked TfL to contribute £30 million to the proposed project on the basis that this contribution will help leverage a large amount of other funding sources to deliver the project. The Government has matched this contribution with £30 million of their own for the same reasons."</i>	<a href="https://www.london.gov.uk/press-releases/proposed-garden-bridge">https://www.london.gov.uk/press-releases/proposed-garden-bridge</a>
2014 26 September	GB Trust Issue of Design & Build Tender Pack		<a href="http://www.cnplus.co.uk">www.cnplus.co.uk</a>
2014 16 October		Tom Edwards, Opposition to River Thames garden bridge plan grows, BBC News Online	
2014 22 October	<b>MQT:</b> GLA AM's ask questions	Johnson responds at Mayors Question Time: <i>"I don't see, I don't see any reason why we should be increasing our support for the garden bridge."</i> <i>"well, uh, the garden bridge trust are very confident they can raise the funds, if you're.. you want to come out against the garden bridge you're welcome to do so but i think it's a great scheme."</i> <i>"I think that the garden bridge has great attraction, is a wonderful scheme and i think that, uh, and i'm surprised, I, uh, my impression was, uh, that uh most members of the, uh, this assembly supported the, uh, the scheme but, uh, if if that is not the case and obviously i uh i register that with interest it's a it's a wonderful scheme uh for london it's overwhelmingly supported by the public it's supported by mister Biggs which is which is a which is which is a great thing and Mr Biggs has his finger on the pulse sometimes and he's generally he's generally pro bridge so... I don't... can I just give you a spot of advice, don't go against the garden bridge, it's going to happen, it's going to be beautiful, you're backing the wrong horse. what is the pount of these questions then?"</i>	
2014 12 November	Robert Goodwill MP U-Sec. State DfT to Boris Johnson. Letter	Confirms Redetrmination of the GLA Transport Grant by an additional £30m on basis of an equal amount to be committed by TfL, pari parru, a maximum £8,2025m of proposed increase on pre-construction activity. States what is to be included in the Funding agreement (contrcat to be let under an open, competitiove tendering process. TfL to advise DfT if they becaome aware of any material risk/issue threatening project's delivery to time & budget.. All conditions of the original 'Spending Review 2010 - TfL funding agreement - will apply equally to the extra £30m	<a href="https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gla_migrate_files_destination/3082-2%5B1%5D.pdf">https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gla_migrate_files_destination/3082-2%5B1%5D.pdf</a>
2014 November		Bridge planning meeting. Richard de Cani: <i>"there is a very strong transport case for a bridge in this location... We have undertaken a thorough assesment of the impacts of the bridge on the surrounding pedestrian network. we've done a... there's been a robust assessment of the pedestrian impact of the surrounding area. this has been endorsed by espec and Coin Street who we've worked closely with."</i>	

2014 December	Westminster give planning	Committee Date December 2, 2014, Application decision, approval & issue Date December 22, 2014 <i>"The bridge is a substantial structure, set in one of the most sensitive and open locations in central London. It is inevitable therefore that there will be a significant impact on important views. It is also clear that if this proposal was for a private commercial development of this height and size, the harm to these views would be considered unacceptable and the application refused."</i>	<a href="https://www.ft.com/content/064d7296-7a43-11e4-8958-00144feabdc0">https://www.ft.com/content/064d7296-7a43-11e4-8958-00144feabdc0</a>
2014 02 December	Cost est: £175m	Cost Increase reported	<a href="https://www.ft.com/content/064d7296-7a43-11e4-8958-00144feabdc0">https://www.ft.com/content/064d7296-7a43-11e4-8958-00144feabdc0</a>
17 December	MQT	Johnson-TfL won't underwrite Garden Bridge upkeep	<a href="http://www.architectsjournal.co.uk/news/boris-tfl-wont-underwrite-garden-bridge-upkeep/8674159.article">http://www.architectsjournal.co.uk/news/boris-tfl-wont-underwrite-garden-bridge-upkeep/8674159.article</a>
2014 Date?		Negotiations begin with Coin Street Community Builders (CSCB). On acquiring the land for the bridges construction required for the south landing building that CSCB lease	
2014 December	Planning permission granted	With Conditions	
<b>2015</b>			
2015 January	Judicial Review Launched	Judicial Review (JR) lodged against Lambeth Council about long term funding assurances and obstruction of protected views.	
2015 25 March	<b>MQT:</b> GLA AM ask questions	<b>On how the procurement process for the Garden Bridge was conducted. Johnson at MQT: "I find it very depressing that you persist in this Taliban-like hatred of objects of beauty. I urge you to desist."</b> <i>"The Garden Bridge is a great project for London. It will be absolutely spectacular when it is complete. We need to get it done at quite a lick because the Thames Tideway Tunnel is coming in in 2017."</i> <i>You have all the relevant qualifications to assess whether or not there has been transparency. It seems to me that there has been complete transparency. Adding all the criteria together, you get 62.5% for Wilkinson Eyre, Marks Barfield had 65% and Heatherwick Studio had 72.5%.</i>	
2015 April		Construction timetable outlined with construction due to start Oct 2015	
2015 April		Bouygues TP–Cimolai JV selected as preferred bidder for construction contractor	
2015 02 April		Heatherwick: <i>"Projects don't come rushing towards you, they evolve through discussions with various people,"</i> he says, he <i>"simply goes where the work is."</i>	<a href="http://www.managementtoday.co.uk/news/1339903/thomas-heatherwick-controversial-designer-faces-biggest-challenge-yet/">http://www.managementtoday.co.uk/news/1339903/thomas-heatherwick-controversial-designer-faces-biggest-challenge-yet/</a>
2015 13 May		Khan: <i>"The idea is a great idea, but I think we were sold a pup,"</i> he charged. <i>We were promised no taxpayers' money. We were promised it would be open to the public. We were promised no sights would be obscured. One of the first things I would do is look into the Garden Bridge, its viability and whether it can work."</i>	<a href="http://www.standard.co.uk/news/politics/sadiq-khan-bashes-champagne-boris-as-he-launches-his-bid-to-be-mayor-of-london-10246742.html">http://www.standard.co.uk/news/politics/sadiq-khan-bashes-champagne-boris-as-he-launches-his-bid-to-be-mayor-of-london-10246742.html</a>
2015 June		Ground investigation work takes place on both river banks and in the Thames	
2015 June	Judicial Review reaches resolution	JR is resolved with assurances that Lambeth Council will seek a guarantee for the operations and maintenance costs	
2015 June		Lib Peck (Lambeth Leaders) states that she first raised issues of public funding of bridge (with Khan? With GBT?) this month: <i>"Disappointingly, since I first raised these issues in June, there seems to have been little progress in attracting alternative funding from the private sector"</i>	<a href="http://www.standard.co.uk/news/london/sadiq-khan-id-scrap-garden-bridge-plan-if-elected-mayor-a2954742.html">http://www.standard.co.uk/news/london/sadiq-khan-id-scrap-garden-bridge-plan-if-elected-mayor-a2954742.html</a>
2015 03 June	TfL Internal Audit Requested	Caroline Pidgeon AM (GLA) writes to TfL commissioner requesting a procurement audit of funding to operate and maintain The Garden Bridge once it is built for at least the first five years of operation."	Caroline Pidgeon Assembly Member
2015 02 July	Deed of Grant	Funding agreement between Transport for London (TfL) and the Garden Bridge Trust (GBT). Schedule Two of the Deed of Grant sets out the "Conditions of Payment". Importantly, this distinguishes between the funds payable for "pre-construction activities" (up to a maximum of £16.4 million, inclusive of funds spent by TfL prior to creation of The Trust) and the funds payable for "construction activities" which would be triggered by the award of the construction contract, subject to a set of pre-commencement conditions. These conditions include the following: <i>"The Trust has demonstrated to TfL's satisfaction that it has secured a satisfactory level of funding to operate and maintain The Garden Bridge once it is built for at least the first five years of operation."</i> GBT/TfL Funding Agreement signed and the project is handed over from TfL to GBT. TfL has an observer role on the GBT Board of Trustees meetings	
2015 22 July September	Original planned construction start date	TfL circulate 1st internal Audit report internally TfL internal audit circulars later become public & reveal Di Cani as a major party in the investigation, has profoundly distorting impacts on the published report	TfL internal circulars later become public TfL

2015 September		Leader of Lambeth Council Lib Peck writes to Mayor Boris Johnson raising concerns about public money being spent on the project and suspends land negotiations and all dealings with the GBT. This position is supported by Labour Mayoral candidate Sadiq Khan. GBT de-mobilises contracts whilst discussions between all parties take place	
2015 15 September	TfL publish Internal Audit report	TfL publically publish Internal Audit report	TfL
2015 17 September	GLA Oversight Committee_1st Hearing	GLA Oversight committee Item 4. & Interviews with Richard di Cani(TfL), W Hurst(AJ) & W Menteth (Project Compass)	<a href="http://www.london.gov.uk/moderngov/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=254&amp;MIId=5648&amp;Ver=4">www.london.gov.uk/moderngov/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=254&amp;MIId=5648&amp;Ver=4</a>
2015 24 September		"Sadiq Khan: <i>I'd scrap Garden Bridge plan if elected London Mayor</i> " <i>"I believe it no longer represents value for money. This was supposed to be an entirely privately funded project costing £60 million, but the overall cost has tripled, and £60 million is being paid for out of the public purse, with a possible maintenance cost of £3.5 million a year – for a bridge which will often be closed to the public for private events and won't be open overnight."</i>	<a href="https://www.standard.co.uk/news/london/sadiq-khan-id-scrap-garden-bridge-plan-if-elected-mayor-a2954742.html">https://www.standard.co.uk/news/london/sadiq-khan-id-scrap-garden-bridge-plan-if-elected-mayor-a2954742.html</a>
2015 29 September		Khan on TfL Audit: "It looks like a whitewash designed to cover up incompetence," he said. 'It questions the financial viability of the Garden Bridge, the way the procurement process was run and suggests that	<a href="http://www.architectsjournal.co.uk/news/tfls-garden-bridge-probe-slammed-as-a-whitewash/8689652.fullarticle">http://www.architectsjournal.co.uk/news/tfls-garden-bridge-probe-slammed-as-a-whitewash/8689652.fullarticle</a>
2015 October (?)		Sadiq Khan & Lib Peck meet at Heatherwick Studio - where the outcome was to convert £20m of TfL grant to a loan. Lambeth Council, Sadiq Khan, GBT and TfL agree a revised public funding agreement resulting in £20m of TfL's grant being converted to a loan.	GBT Sadiq Khan timeline doc
2015 16 October		Bee Emmott, GBT: <i>"We are not willing to walk away from this and we are still talking to Lambeth to see if we can get them back around the table. The problem is that if the project is held up for month upon month then timing becomes a real issue."</i>	<a href="http://www.standard.co.uk/lifestyle/london-life/will-the-garden-bridge-be-built-the-fight-for-londons-urban-oasis-is-on-a2097756.html">http://www.standard.co.uk/lifestyle/london-life/will-the-garden-bridge-be-built-the-fight-for-londons-urban-oasis-is-on-a2097756.html</a>
2015 21 October		Johnson at MQT: <i>"just on your your points about procurement uh TfL did look very carefully into uh the the they did an audit of the procurement processes and uh found no uh issues whatever it is it is certainly it is certainly it is certainly true it is certainly true it is certainly true, uh i'm making a general point, it is certainly true to get your back i think you mentioned architects there are you know there are some architects who oppose the uh the scheme because uh perhaps they have views about the artist in question or whatever it happens to be "</i> <i>"as I say Navin i think i think that uh you know you're you're uh you're um mis... you know you've been misinformed about the procurement process and uh it does uh uh it does as i understand it was uh stand i hope you'll enjoy the garden bridge when it's completed as much as erveybody else in..."</i>	
2015 22 October	GLA Oversight Committee_2nd Hearing	GLA Oversight committee Item 8. Clive Walker (TfL)	<a href="http://www.london.gov.uk/moderngov/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=254&amp;MIId=5649&amp;Ver=4">www.london.gov.uk/moderngov/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=254&amp;MIId=5649&amp;Ver=4</a>
2015 25 October		Sunday Times interview with Lumley: on Lambeth u-turn: <i>"Stamping on butterflies" "I can't bear people not liking what I like. I want to go, 'what are you – stupid?' When people go, 'You're wrong,' I think, 'No, you're a selfish bastard actually – you're wrong."</i>	<a href="http://www.thesundaytimes.co.uk/sto/news/uk_news/Arts/article1623886.ece">http://www.thesundaytimes.co.uk/sto/news/uk_news/Arts/article1623886.ece</a>
2015 November		GBT remobilises contractors but a period of eight months has been added to the building timetable because of this delay	
2015 02 November		Agreement between Peck & Khan re £20m "loan" announced after meetings at Heatherwick Studio.	<a href="https://www.standard.co.uk/news/london/londons-garden-bridge-is-saved-by-11thhour-cash-deal-a3104681.html">https://www.standard.co.uk/news/london/londons-garden-bridge-is-saved-by-11thhour-cash-deal-a3104681.html</a>
2015 06 November		Heatherwick: <i>"It would be a real shame if it was suddenly whipped up into a political game. Am I above such considerations? I put together the charity at the start. I worked with everybody to make it happen. I fundraised, so there'll be £115m of money from the private sector that wouldn't have come in otherwise. So, yeah,"</i> he concludes, <i>"You could say I'm extremely involved."</i>	<a href="http://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/design/thomas-heatherwick-interview-the-designer-talks-about-the-furore-surrounding-the-garden-bridge-a6721861.html">http://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/design/thomas-heatherwick-interview-the-designer-talks-about-the-furore-surrounding-the-garden-bridge-a6721861.html</a>
2015 13 November	Deed of Variation	In response to Lambeth Council's objection to the scale of taxpayer contribution, TFL and the Garden Bridge Trust agreed to a Deed of Variation through which £20 million of TFL's £30 million contribution for the project would be converted from a non-repayable Grant into a Loan repayable over 50 years with a 5-year grace period. The terms of the Loan were set out in a Loan Facility Agreement executed on the same day.	
2015 13 November	Loan Facility Agreement	The document that established the terms of the loan to the Garden Bridge Trust, including an RPI-indexed interest rate capped at 2%, a five-year grace period, and a minimum payment provision, allowing the Trust to meet its loan repayment obligations by paying a minimum payment of £250,000 per annum, with the balance payable at the end of the term.	

2015 14 December

Heatherwick: "We've completed the first full-size mock up section at the factory outside Venice. Now we can inspect the welds and shadow gaps and see how everything meets up."

2015 17 December

GLA Oversight Committee\_3rd Hearing

Johnson Questioned by AM Oversight Committee:

(Q [LD]: "How did you first hear about the Garden Bridge project?" (A (BJ): "in may or june of 2012, um, I think it was in fact after the, um, mayoral election from memory but I c. I c. I couldn't swear to it I uh I had a uh a letter from um Joanna Lumley about, a proposal for a garden bridge and I replied to suggest that she meet with Ed Lister and uh Isabel dedring to to discuss it, so that was so that was the first occasion. And I can then go on to give you the the rough... roughly what happened next if that rather than um uh the blow by blows is that Eddy and Isabel I think met in July according to... this is the what we've excavated from the um diary from the um the uh Eddy and Isabel met with Joanna Lumley in july to discuss the idea. There was then a meeting in September of 2012 in which um I met Joanna Lumley and eddy and Isabel were also present and I think she made a, from memory she made a, a presentation of the idea... Isabel was slightly taken aback by what she thought was my lack of enthusiasm uh for it and um she thought it was unlike me to be so um negative at first blush... my initial thoughts were you know this was a very big project, was likely to consume a great deal of, of political energy and something that w, you know, would I'd need, I'd need to understand the benefits of fully before we, uh, we pursued it. But I have to say that over the, the, in the succeeding period, in talking to uh TfL and to Peter Hendy and others I, I really did start to see the benefits of the project because it does have substantial uh cultural benefits, substantial transport benefits and regeneration benefits. I decided at some stage in that process that it was something we should definitely, uh, we should definitely put our weight behind. I could also see the, uh the massive cultural plus for the city in having effectively a new park, quite a big new park created out of nothing as if it were, out of space that uh nobody thought you could uh you could exploit, I... uh, uh, over the river itself and so, um, I got, I got progressively more enthusiastic from a, I think a position of, uh initial luke warmness."

"[Lumley] believed in the project but I didn't um I didn't sense any commercial relationship or anything between her and the constructor."

17 December

TfL Board Meeting

Johnson says Thames Tideway Tunnel (TTT) is pressuring timetable & says Trust have enough money to build: "there's been, uh, agreement with Lambeth that will allow construction to proceed as i understand it. i mean basically the, the, the pressure on the timetable is caused by the Thames Tideway Tunnel, we've got to, we've got to begin the work uh next year, quite early next year i think um, and, uh, to the best of my knowledge the trust has raised enough to proceed and certainly it's our intention that we should crack on."

(Q: Media reports say it's not 100% guaranteed, is it?): "don't worry, it's all going to be, all going to be alright... there are large chunks of the media which are very supportive of the garden bridge."

(Q: What happens if there's a shortfall of private money?): "you just, you just, you just economise on the shrubs, you know, you just have a few, you know slightly smaller"

(Q: is [the Garden Bridge Trust's optimism they will raise private funds] enough to start construction?): "well, i, you know, if, if it, if, as i, as i, as you, was, as i said before in our discussions with with Lambeth if we have to build it all, it becomes the garden pier, that we build all out, all the way out from the north bank and stop a few metres short of the, of Lambeth and maybe we'll have to do that, but you know, it'll, it'll, it'll get finished. I'm amazed, i'm amazed by this general... you're buying, you mustn't buy the media of, um, of gloomstuff, we'll be, we'll be fine. um, ok, anything else, let's push on..."

"I'm not certain that she, uh, you know, I think maybe we're sort of putting the cart before the horse a bit here because I'm not certain that, I think she, she thought herthwi... I think she thought heatherwick would be a great guy to do it but I'm not certain that there was any formal relationship between her and..."

Re San Francisco trip: "yes, we were seeking sponsorship for the garden bridge" "if you want to deliver a big project in London, TfL is the most effective way of getting things done" "they're certainly good people to have on your side if you want to get stuff done in London fast"

## 2016

2016 January

Trees selected in Germany and transported to a Bedfordshire nursery for acclimatisation

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2016 13 January		Lumley announces £5m from Sky Tv, on Sky TV News: <i>"Look the, over three quarters comes from the generous private sector of which I'm actually like, I'd just like to say today that Sky has made a donation which makes it one of our biggest donors and we are so unbelievably grateful."</i> <i>"the world gets busier and more and more troubled we need to have moments that just are utterly gorgeous and completely lovely and life affirming and soul smoothing. That's why we have things like parks. That's why we have, um, you"</i> [to Eamonn Holmes]	SKY TV news January, 2016
2016 14 January	Garden Bridge Trust Board Mtg	According to Paul Morrell's letter of 27 January 2016, it was at this Board meeting that the Trustees resolved to award the construction contract on 29 January 2017. Morrell adds that "TfL are observers of the Garden Bridge Trust Board meetings and have received a copy of the meeting minutes", although TfL has never been able to produce these minutes when asked through FOI requests or through direct questions from the London Assembly.	
2016 16 January	National Audit Office Reports	National Audit Office finds George Osborne avoided official channels and DfT oversight to offer Boris Johnson funding for the Garden Bridge, warning project may not have been approved if normal processes had been followed	The Guardian
2016 20 January	MQT	Johnson at MQT: couldn't remember if he was there with TfL and Heatherwick Studio "I am not sure they were sitting next to me but I honestly can't remember. Uh" "I genuinely, I don't think it is a wholly contemptable objective by the way to try to seek funding for this city from corporations that have huge sums of money, we have raised in my time as mayor, we've raised hundreds of millions in sponsorship, i think that's the right thing to do, it saves the taxpayer money and projects like the Garden Bridge uh would not go ahead if we did not get private sponsorship. " "Uh well, the best, the best information I had is that they are in in a high state of readiness to go ahead with the uh with the project and they've raised 85 million pounds. Clearly it it may be possible uh to descope in order to cut its coat to suit its cloths so to speak, um, 85 million pounds is a huge amount of money" "only thing that the sort of negativity surrounding this comes from a certain amount of of professional jealousy from um the architectural world who don't happen to a... you know be... not not sure about the architectural qualifications of Thomas Heatherwick and I think there's a certain amount of that going on in some of the coverage and I, the rest of it is politically dr... driven twaddle, sort of general negativity, uh which I don't support."	
2016 22 January		Heatherwick implies the CSCB location had been long planned: "Back in 2005 the gleam in Heatherwick's eye was an idea for a bridge constructed entirely of glass. "Sooner or later someone will do it, so it may as well be us," he told me. "And we have a fantastic site in central London lined up for it."	<a href="http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/arts/visualarts/architecture/article4670065.ece">http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/arts/visualarts/architecture/article4670065.ece</a>
2016 27 January	Paul Morrell Letter	Paul Morrell, Vice Chair of the Garden Bridge Trust, writes to Richard de Cani to provide official notification of the Trust's <b>intent to award the contract on 29 Jan 2016</b> . This includes a point-by-point explanation of how The Trust claims to have satisfied the conditions set out in the Deed of Grant. This letter is, however, silent on the fifth condition about demonstrating that the Trust has "secured funding" for the operation and maintenance of the Bridge.	
2016 29 January		AJ breaks story about San Francisco trip	<a href="https://www.architectsjournal.co.uk/news/heatherwick-and-boris-promoted-garden-bridge-before-rigged-tfl-design-">https://www.architectsjournal.co.uk/news/heatherwick-and-boris-promoted-garden-bridge-before-rigged-tfl-design-</a>
2016 29 January (08:59)	Bee Emmott Email	Executive Director of GBT, sends email to De Cani explaining that the Operations and Maintenance Business Plan, which Morrell had enclosed as evidence that the Trust had satisfied the fourth condition of the Deed of Grant (i.e. that the Trust had "plans in place" for the operation and maintenance of the bridge) was also intended to demonstrate fulfilment of the fifth condition (i.e. that the Trust had "secured a satisfactory level of funding to operate and maintain the Garden Bridge").	
2016 29 January (12:54)	De Cani to Rupert Furness (DfT). email	Later that day, Richard de Cani writes to Rupert Furness (Deputy Director, DfT) to say that: "we have received confirmation that the Garden Bridge Trust <b>is ready to sign</b> their construction contract with Bouygues. This triggers the next payment in the funding agreement that is in place between GBT and TfL. The GBT has written to TfL confirming how the other conditions in the funding agreement have been met and we are satisfied that this meets the requirements of the agreement and therefore payment can be called for."	

2016 29 January (16:24)	Furness email to De Cani	Furness hesitates. He questions whether the work being undertaken by Bouygues will be for "pre-construction activities" or whether the awarding of the construction contract means that all further expenditure should now be classified as "construction". This is significant, as the DFT and TFL had previously capped the amount of spending that could take place on "pre-construction activities" and the release of this funding might be a breach of that cap. It is Friday afternoon and Furness asks for time to discuss with his Director (John Parkinson) on the following Monday "to see whether he thinks we need to run this past the [Permanent Secretary]".	
2016 29 January (16:31)	De Cani to Furness (DfT). email	De Cani appears to suggest that the contract has already been awarded, as per the schedule set out in Paul Morrell's letter: "Rupert - the contract allows the Trust to call down on funds once the main construction contract has been signed (and subject to other conditions being met). <i>We are now at that point</i> and TfL is satisfied these conditions have been met so we will be authorising the payment to proceed in accordance with the signed Deed of Grant."	
2016 01 February (15:09)	Furness to De Cani email	Furness writes to De Cani having discussed it with colleagues, telling him that despite the awarding of the construction contract, the DFT is unconvinced that the contractor is not working on "pre-construction activities" (thus breaching the DFT's cap on its pre-construction exposure) and the Department therefore requires a letter from The Mayor to the SoS formally requesting the DfT's approval to release its share of the grant.  In this email, Furness also appears to be under the impression that the Garden Bridge Trust has already awarded the contract, as suggested by Paul Morrell's letter. "I note that your funding agreement with the Trust allows them to call down further funds once the main construction contract has been signed, <i>and that we have now passed that point.</i> "	
2016 05 February	Jane Duncan, President, RIBA to Mayor Boris Johnson. Letter	The President of the RIBA writes to express her concern about allegations related to the procurement of design and engineering services for the Garden Bridge. Her letter concludes: "Given the high profile nature of this project, the amount of public money at stake and the seriousness of the allegations, we would urge that the project is put on hold".	
2016 09 February	TfL Staff through Revolving Door	Richard Di Cani & Isobel Dedring - announced moved to Arup. AJ breaks story about De Cani move to Arup February 10, 2016	
2016 09 February	GBT Awards the Construction Contract	It is only on February 9, 2016 -- after TFL has undertaken to confirm DFT's willingness to increase its pre-construction exposure (albeit conditional on an official request from the Mayor) -- that the Garden Bridge Trust executes the contract with Bouygues. This is evidenced by the letter from Lord Ahmad to Mayor Johnson on 12 Feb 2016, where he writes: "I understand that on 9 February the Garden Bridge Trust let the main construction contract for the Garden Bridge to Bouygues".  It is further confirmed by the NAO Report into the Garden Bridge which wrote the following: "On 9 February 2016, the Trust let the contract with the land and planning issues unresolved. It was let with a break clause in case the project was cancelled. On the same day, departmental officials updated ministers on the situation. With the backing of the accounting officer, they advised that the Department should refuse to increase its exposure. They reasoned that any additional expenditure should be at TfL's risk until there was greater certainty that the project would go ahead. Officials' advice was not followed."	<a href="https://www.london.gov.uk/press-releases/assembly/garden-bridge-motion">https://www.london.gov.uk/press-releases/assembly/garden-bridge-motion</a>
2016 09 February		AJ makes public that RIBA President has asked for the project to be put on hold	<a href="https://www.architectsjournal.co.uk/news/tfl-top-brass-to-join-garden-bridge-engineer/10002750.article">https://www.architectsjournal.co.uk/news/tfl-top-brass-to-join-garden-bridge-engineer/10002750.article</a>
2016 09 February	GLA Transport Committee Meeting	Contentious exchange between Tom Copley, Johnson and Brown at Transport Committee meeting, where Johnson claims that Copley "should be ashamed of himself" and Copley says that if Johnson were Mayor of NYC he would be "in front of a Grand Jury". In responding to Duncan's criticisms -- now publicly aired -- Johnson claims that these are all rooted in the architectural community's hostility to Thomas Heatherwick.	
2016 10 February	GLA Pass motion(Cross party):	GLA pass cross party motion: .... <i>The Assembly reiterates that there is no case for any TfL funding to be allocated to the Garden Bridge Trust and urges TfL to now enter into discussions to ensure that existing public money allocated to the project is fully recovered as quickly as possible</i>	

2016 11 February	Mayor Boris Johnson responds to Jane Duncan, President, RIBA	Johnson forcefully rebuts the concerns expressed by Duncan, relying mainly on the findings of the internal TFL audit to evidence a claim that allegations in the press are "wholly unfounded". Though Duncan never mentioned anything at all about the Trust or the governance/management of the project, Johnson goes on to say: <i>"I appreciate that the model of delivery being adopted for the Garden Bridge is a novel one, and that this may have confused some commentators in the media. There have been so many false reports and statements made about this project ... and I would urge your organisation to fully understand the background of the project before commenting further. Furthermore, the model for delivery of this project is proving successful and I am optimistic about its potential for replication in future to deliver other wonderful additions to London's landscape through private endeavor and charitable donations. The public funding element of the project is being used to secure considerable private sector investment -- currently at £85 million from the private sector and rising, which is a huge achievement."</i>	
2016 11 February	Mike Brown, TFL, responds to Jane Duncan RIBA	Forcefully denies any fault in the procurement process, once again citing the internal TFL audit. He too oddly adds a defence of a Trust structure that Duncan never even mentioned: <i>"The project has attracted interest in the media because of its unique design and novel funding and delivery model. Whilst we accept that a project of this nature will generate public debate, there have been many false reports and statements made about this project. ... I would like to express my disappointment that having written to the Mayor about your concerns you chose to provide comment to the press immediately, before giving the Mayor or TFL the opportunity to respond. With so much incorrect reporting it is not helpful, in my view, when respected members of the professional community elect to speak with the press before providing all parties the opportunity to clarify the facts of the situation."</i>	
2016 12 February	Lord Ahmad to Mayor Boris Johnson. Letter	Having over-ruled officers at the DFT who recommended no further exposure at this stage, Lord Ahmad writes to Boris Johnson, putting on record that he considers this to be an increase beyond the previously agreed 'cap' on pre-construction costs. Johnson will acknowledge these concerns in a brief letter back to the SoS on 14 Mar 2016.	
2016 23 February	GB Trustees meet with Lord Ahmad	It is at this meeting that the GBT first secures a £15 million Government underwrite of cancellation costs, which is now needed due to the execution of the construction contract.	
2016 February (date TBC?)		Extensive set of planning conditions approved by Lambeth Council Planning Committee to do with operations	
2016 February (Date TBC)		GBT signs construction contract with the Joint Venture. Announced in March	
2016 February (Date TBC)	LBL issues revised HoTs for the variation of the South Bank lease	CSCB does not accept the terms of the LBL revision to their lease, as they claim it prejudices their right to renew that current lease for a further 99 years. It is (again) incorrectly stated in the Heads of Terms that CSCB will benefit from the Mayor's guarantee – this time through the GLA.	
2016 March	GLA Oversight Committee Reports	over the past year the Garden Bridge Project has attracted significant criticism for flaws in the procurement process that resulted in the Bridge being commissioned. It is this procurement process, that the London Assembly GLA Oversight Committee has examined over the past six months. This investigation has revealed significant and worrying failures by TfL.	<a href="https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gla_oversight_committee_-_garden_bridge_report_-_march_2016.pdf">https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gla_oversight_committee_-_garden_bridge_report_-_march_2016.pdf</a>
2016 01 March	External Audit of TfL Requested from EY	TfL Board & Audit and Assurance Committee members (names scheduled) requested to scrutinise the GB Procurement on the evidence submissions, requesting this be a matter considered at their mtg. 8th March. Also submitted to the committee secretariat. No responses or acknowledgement received (NB email submitted to the wrong Steve Wright at TfL & he bounced back same day).	WM request c/c'd
2016 01 March	EY, TfL's Auditors. Email	TfL External Auditor Karl Havers of EY writes. <i>"I acknowledge its safe receipt (letter requesting TfL auditors investigate the GB procurement) and I will ensure the topic is raised if not already on the agenda"</i> [1 & 2 March email requests for <i>an extranal audit</i> ]	WM responce c/c'd
2016 22 April	Mayoral Direction 'softens' the condition attached to the Mayoral Guarantee	At some point between February and April, 2016, Martin Clarke is approached to execute the Mayoral Direction that provides the revenue guarantee to the Trust. He refuses because he does not consider the 'secured funding' condition to be satisfied. Hence the need for this new Mayoral Direction, which 'softens' the condition such that a Business Plan can be accepted as evidence of compliance.	<a href="https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gb_transcript_-_martin_clarke.pdf">https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gb_transcript_-_martin_clarke.pdf</a>
2016 25 April	Richard De Cani(TfL) to Bee Emmett(GBT). Email		Payment of £1.3 million

2016 April	GBT & CSCB commence discussions on construction & operations	CSCB discovers - purportedly for the first time - that its interests will not be protected by the Mayoral Guarantee. Negotiations cease & will not re-start again until June 2016, when 'kickstarted' by a meeting arranged by TFL between all parties (TFL, LBL, GBT, GLA, CSCB)	
2016 April	2nd planned construction start date	Second planned construction start date, not met	<a href="https://www.london.gov.uk/press-releases/mayoral/mayor-backs-garden-bridge">https://www.london.gov.uk/press-releases/mayoral/mayor-backs-garden-bridge</a> <a href="https://www.london.gov.uk/press-releases/mayoral/garden-bridge">https://www.london.gov.uk/press-releases/mayoral/garden-bridge</a>
2016 April		More planning conditions approved to do with the layout of the south landing building, construction and security	
2016 April		London Underground appoints Giffen as its contractor for enabling work to be done within Temple tube station for the north landing point. Lumley in The Times: <i>"I had this slightly hippie dream of putting something gorgeous and free in the middle of London to bring beauty and peace to tired commuters, so for those of us who have loved this idea for some time the news is absolutely shattering, devastating."</i> <i>"Of course we haven't been able to raise all the money yet,"</i> Lumley said. <i>"We kept being put under investigation after investigation and it's impossible to fundraise in those conditions."</i> <i>"There was so much negativity about this £60 million of public money. All we heard was £60 million, £60 million, £60 million. But . . . it'll work out at about 32p a person in the UK. It's not as if we're stealing bread from people!"</i> <i>"The world of politics is an extraordinary corridor to walk down: it's just like a path of landmines . . . it's just been baffling. We keep getting inexplicable answers to straightforward questions, and the mayor has blown hot, cold, hot, cold."</i>	<a href="https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/lumley-fights-on-for-her-fabulous-bridge-5mt70xmqm">https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/lumley-fights-on-for-her-fabulous-bridge-5mt70xmqm</a>
2016 May	Sadiq Khan Elected Mayor	He states that he supports the bridge but that he will not commit more public money to the project. On 25 May he stated <i>"From the point at which I became Mayor, it was quite clearly in London's taxpayers' financial interest to complete the Garden Bridge project. It would simply cost Londoners more to cancel the project now, then it would to finish building the Garden Bridge."</i>	
2016 May	2nd Judicial Review Issued	A second JR is served on Lambeth Council, this time about the decision to vary the land lease with Coin Street Community Builders.	
2016 May		More planning conditions approved	
2016 June		GBT puts contractors on standby to address the outstanding land and planning matters, such as the signing of the Mayoral guarantee, before proceeding with more work. This is to save money.	
2016 June	NAO review Announced	Kate Hoey MP and other opponents submit a complaint to National Audit Office (NAO) who announces a review of DfT allocation of money	
2016 June		Kate Hoey MP and other opponents submit a complaint to Charity Commission who announces its intention to conduct a compliance case	
2016 July		Licence granted for river works by the Marine Management Organisation	
2016 July		GBT requests an extension of the underwriting of the construction contract by the DfT, to September 2017	<a href="http://www.standard.co.uk/news/mayor/full-steam-ahead-on-garden-bridge-after-sadiq-khan-hits-pause-on-funds-a3292756.html">http://www.standard.co.uk/news/mayor/full-steam-ahead-on-garden-bridge-after-sadiq-khan-hits-pause-on-funds-a3292756.html</a>
2016 July		The Mayor requests repayment of £1m of TfL costs which results in Temple tube station work being halted	
2016 July		Transport for London's finance and policy committee was expected to formally approve £3 million in spending on this last week - to be repaid by the trust under a previously agreed payment schedule.	
2016 August		Transport Secretary Chris Grayling extends guarantee for the construction contract but reduces the amount to be underwritten from £15m to £9m	<a href="https://www.london.gov.uk/press-releases/mayoral/review-to-be-conducted-into-garden-bridge-project">https://www.london.gov.uk/press-releases/mayoral/review-to-be-conducted-into-garden-bridge-project</a>
2016 17 August	Cost est: £185m	Newsnight on bridge about how funding gap has risen, circa £50m and not £32 as previously stated (from £175m target). Mervyn Davies states: <i>"this was a project started by Transport for London"</i> and in interview says cost has now risen to £185m (implying gap is actually £60m).	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sjzJBvwC4wU">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sjzJBvwC4wU</a> also: <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-37112199">http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-37112199</a>
2016 September		Third planned construction start date	
2016 September	2nd Judicial Review Thrown Out		
2016 17 Septemebr	Kate Hoey MP	Raises debate and questions in the House of Commons. <i>"I believe that contracts should not have been entered into until the land arrangements on both sides of the river had been secured because it exposes taxpayers' funds to risk"</i> <i>"lack of transparency is very worrying"</i> <i>"This Garden Bridge Trust project must be stopped by someone, and I would like to hear the Minister say he will do his utmost to make sure not a penny more will be spent and that we will find ways, when this project fails, as I believe it will, to get that public money back."</i>	<a href="https://hansard.parliament.uk/Commons/2016-09-07/debates/5DA209FC-7D2B-4E8C-A129-F30622CAA274/GardenBridge">https://hansard.parliament.uk/Commons/2016-09-07/debates/5DA209FC-7D2B-4E8C-A129-F30622CAA274/GardenBridge</a>



2016 22 September		Mayor announces a review by Dame Margaret Hodge MP into whether the project represents good value for money. Review will take six months to complete	
2016 28 September	TfL Variation to Deed of Grant & Loan Facility Agreement	To GBT, assigned 30 September 2016. TfL upon being notified of DfT's extending its underwriting capped at £9m. Critical variants on: caps, spend profiles, <b>EXIT Payment terms to the Trust &amp; notice of uplift of TfL costs</b> . (Alex Williams TfL) Revised schedule of payments Profile enclosed	<a href="https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/4877_-_attachment_redacted.pdf">https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/4877_-_attachment_redacted.pdf</a>
2016 6 October	Alex Williams (TfL) to Bee Emmott (GBT)	Explaining the Deed of Grant & Loan Facility Agreement returned signed by GBT 3 Oct.16	<a href="https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/4877_-_attachment_redacted.pdf">https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/4877_-_attachment_redacted.pdf</a>
2016 11 October	TfL External Auditors Report to TfL Audit and Assurance committee	EY Paper noted as Appendix 1. EY Review of Internal Audit of Garden Bridge Procurements issued (7 months after application). Cover paper from Clive Walker. Matters notified & raised and then are not adequately addressed incl. Arups procurement.	Ref: <a href="https://tfl.gov.uk/corporate/publications-and-reports/audit-and-assurance-committee">https://tfl.gov.uk/corporate/publications-and-reports/audit-and-assurance-committee</a>
2016 27 October		Mayor writes to Lord Davies stating that <i>"As a supporter of the Garden Bridge project, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Trust for all your hard work and wish you well in your ongoing land negotiations and fundraising."</i>	
2016 October	NAO Report Published	NAO publishes report into DfT allocation of money	<a href="https://www.parliament.uk/documents/commons-committees/public-accounts/written-evidence/2015-20-Parliament/pac-submission-garden-bridge-project-review-281016.pdf">https://www.parliament.uk/documents/commons-committees/public-accounts/written-evidence/2015-20-Parliament/pac-submission-garden-bridge-project-review-281016.pdf</a>
2016 08 November	Margaret Hodge Interviews:	Jennie Mosley, Councillor Lambeth	<a href="https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gb_transcript_-_lambeth_cllr_jennie_mosley.pdf">https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gb_transcript_-_lambeth_cllr_jennie_mosley.pdf</a>
2016 10 November	MH interview	Will Hurst, AJ	<a href="https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gb_transcript_-_will_hurst.pdf">https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gb_transcript_-_will_hurst.pdf</a>
2016 21 November	MH interview	Andy Brown/Alex Williams (TfL Planning) Thomas Heatherwick Mervyn Davies/Paul Morrell/John Heaps/Bee Emmott (GBT) On Cost est: <i>"I think we're now north of £200m"</i> [PM] Isobel Dedring/Margaret Kalaugher	<a href="https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gb_transcript_-_tfl_planning_andy_brown_alex_williams.pdf">https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gb_transcript_-_tfl_planning_andy_brown_alex_williams.pdf</a> ; <a href="https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gb_transcript_-_thomas_heatherwick.pdf">https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gb_transcript_-_thomas_heatherwick.pdf</a> ; <a href="https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gb_transcript_-_garden_bridge_trust.pdf">https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gb_transcript_-_garden_bridge_trust.pdf</a>
2016 22 November	MH interview	Adele Morris/David Noakes (Southwark) Sarah Sands (formerly Editor The Evening Standard) Tim Mitchell (Westminster) Jane Duncan RIBA President/Andrew Forth (RIBA)	<a href="https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gb_transcript_-_southwark_cllr_adele_morris_cllr_david_noakes.pdf">https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gb_transcript_-_southwark_cllr_adele_morris_cllr_david_noakes.pdf</a> ; <a href="https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gb_transcript_-_sarah_sands.pdf">https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gb_transcript_-_sarah_sands.pdf</a> ; <a href="https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gb_transcript_-_westminster_cllr_tim_mitchell.pdf">https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gb_transcript_-_westminster_cllr_tim_mitchell.pdf</a> ; <a href="https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gb_transcript_-_riba_jane_duncan.pdf">https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gb_transcript_-_riba_jane_duncan.pdf</a>
2016 22 November	MH interview	Caroline Pidgeon Assembly Member	<a href="https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gb_transcript_-_caroline_pidgeon_am.pdf">https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gb_transcript_-_caroline_pidgeon_am.pdf</a>
2016 30 November	MH interview	Rebecca Sheeran/William Rollo (NAO) Walter Menteth (Project Compass)/Ian Ritchie (IR Architects)/Dan Anderson (Forth Street)/Alistair Lenczner/Michael Ball & Wai-King (TCOS)	<a href="https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gb_transcript_-_nao_rebecca_sheeran.pdf">https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gb_transcript_-_nao_rebecca_sheeran.pdf</a> ; <a href="https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gb_transcript_-_tcos.pdf">https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gb_transcript_-_tcos.pdf</a>
2016 01 December	MH interview	Edward Lister Former Majors Chief of Staff) Joanna Lumley (National Treasure)/ Bee Emmott (Executive Director Garden Bridge Trust, formerly Heatherwick Studios)	<a href="https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gb_transcript_-_ed_lister.pdf">https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gb_transcript_-_ed_lister.pdf</a> ; <a href="https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gb_transcript_-_joanna_lumley.pdf">https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gb_transcript_-_joanna_lumley.pdf</a>
2016 05 December	MH interview	Howard Carter/Charles Ritchie (TfL Legal) Iain Tuckett/Scott Rice (Coin Street CB)	<a href="https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gb_transcript_-_tfl_legal_howard_carter_charles_ritchie.pdf">https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gb_transcript_-_tfl_legal_howard_carter_charles_ritchie.pdf</a> ; <a href="https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gb_transcript_-_coin_street_iain_tuckett_scott_rice.pdf">https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gb_transcript_-_coin_street_iain_tuckett_scott_rice.pdf</a>
2016 13 December		Mayor writes to Lord Davies, GBT Chairman, stating he has no <i>"in principle"</i> objection to signing the Mayoral Guarantee, and that he expects Hodge to conclude that the taxpayer is better off if the bridge is built. <i>"I believe that the position that I set out in May is clear – given previous expenditure, the taxpayer will be better off if the bridge is built. As the agreements governing the public sector contribution are in the public domain, I do not see that Dame Margaret's review could reach a different conclusion. Whatever may or may not have happened in the past does not change the current financial reality of the project."</i>	
2016 14 December	MH interview	Richard de Cani	<a href="https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gb_transcript_-_richard_decani.pdf">https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gb_transcript_-_richard_decani.pdf</a>

2016 19 December	MH interview	Mike Brown Martin Clarke	<a href="https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gb_transcript_-_mike_brown.pdf">https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gb_transcript_-_mike_brown.pdf</a> ; <a href="https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gb_transcript_-_martin_clarke.pdf">https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gb_transcript_-_martin_clarke.pdf</a>
<b>2017</b>			
2017 January		Westminster Council call in for scrutiny the decision to proceed with the property agreement with GBT concerning Temple tube station, previously approved by them	
2017 January	Cost est: "substantially exceed £185m"	GBT publishes its report and accounts for year ended March 2016, warning of the risks the project faces and that project costs will rise from the current estimate of £185m	
24 January	MH interview	Peter Hendy (former Commissionr TfL)	<a href="https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gb_transcript_-_sir_peter_hendy.pdf">https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gb_transcript_-_sir_peter_hendy.pdf</a>
25 January	MH interview	Michele Dix Clive Walker (TfL Audit)	<a href="https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gb_transcript_-_michele_dix.pdf">https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gb_transcript_-_michele_dix.pdf</a> ; <a href="https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gb_transcript_-_tfl_audit_clive_walker.pdf">https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gb_transcript_-_tfl_audit_clive_walker.pdf</a>
2017 28 February	Charity Commission Publishes Case Reports	Charity Commission gives GBT a clean bill of health, On changing its accounting year from Oct '15 to March '16 <i>"The charity explained to the Commission that when the accounts were due for preparation, the charity was not able to confirm it was a going concern given the existing uncertainties about the continuation of the government's underwriting. They explained that the delay was necessary to gain greater certainty about its standing as a going concern." " now been filed and identify ongoing uncertainty over whether the charity is a going concern"</i>	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/595064/garden_bridge_trust.pdf">https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/595064/garden_bridge_trust.pdf</a>
February	LB Lambeth	Appoints expert assessor to evaluate & review the GBT Business Plan	
07 March	MH interview	Wilkinson Eyre	<a href="https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gb_transcript_-_wilkinson_eyre.pdf">https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gb_transcript_-_wilkinson_eyre.pdf</a>
09 March	MH interview	Marks Barfield	<a href="https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gb_transcript_-_marks_barfield.pdf">https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gb_transcript_-_marks_barfield.pdf</a>
2017 20 February	MQT	At Mayor's Question Time, the Mayor states <i>"I have been clear that I back construction of the Garden Bridge, subject to no new public funding that I control being put towards the project. The position I set out in May last year remains true, that given previous expenditure, the taxpayer will be better off if the bridge is built."</i>	
2017 07 April	Dame Margaret Hodge publishes her report	Dame Margaret Hodge publishes her report into the project	<a href="https://www.london.gov.uk/press-releases/mayoral/garden-bridge-project">https://www.london.gov.uk/press-releases/mayoral/garden-bridge-project</a> ; <a href="https://www.london.gov.uk/independent-review-garden-bridge-project">https://www.london.gov.uk/independent-review-garden-bridge-project</a>
2017 April		GBT respond to Hodge calling the report one-sided	
2017 April		GBT present revised Business Plan for operations phase demonstrating reliable income exceeding costs, complete with third party verification of figures to Mayor's Office, Westminster and Lambeth Councils.	
2017 20 April	Mervyn Davis (GBT) to Mayor Sadiq Khan. Letter	At a meeting convened by the Mayors Chief of Staff along with senior members of Lambeth Council, Westminster Council, Coin Street Community Builders, the GLA and TfL, an independent expert on visitor attractions presented the GBT's revised Business Plan for Operations and Maintenance. about £9 million of public funds has been committed since the date of the mayoral election. On the subject of where the money has gone, we will, of course, account for every line of expenditure as part of the winding up operation.	Ref: Mervyn Davis (GBT) to Mayor Sadiq Khan letter August 14, 2017. <a href="https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/4877_-_attachment_redacted.pdf">https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/4877_-_attachment_redacted.pdf</a>
2017 28 April	Mayor Sadiq Khan to Mervyn Davis (GBT). Letter	Mayor writes stating that he will not sign the required Mayoral Guarantee as 3 significant hurdles are outstanding: the necessary land agreements; capital funding; guarantees to underwrite operational & maintenance costs. No meetings have ever taken place between the Mayor himself and GBT	<a href="https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/1753_-_attachement.pdf">https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/1753_-_attachement.pdf</a>
2017 13 July	Mayor Sadiq Khan to Mervyn Davis (GBT). Letter	confirming no further risk will be made to public funds	<a href="https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/1753_-_attachement.pdf">https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/1753_-_attachement.pdf</a>
2017 14 August	GB Trust Announces Winding Up		

2017 14 August Andrew Brown (TfL) to David Bellamy (LGA) The Trust's main needs for the £9m are:  
- To pay contractual termination payments to their contractors - primarily Bouygues  
- To pay back private funders who had agreed to release grant money before the beginning of construction, on the condition that it be paid back if the project never made it to construction - I have never been given a list of these funders  
**2 Total public expenditure**  
- Separate from the £9m, we have spent (ourselves and in grant payments) a total of £37.4m (I usually say 'approximately £37m'). So if the Trust get what they want then I would expect the final outlay to run to £46m.  
- Of that £46m, approximately £24m is TfL money and £22m will be DfT money.  
- (The DfT initially gave us £30m, so we could then reasonably expect them to seek to get their money back by reducing a future Transport Grant to TfL by c.£8m.)

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2017 May-Aug

GBT reviews its options, and discusses with potential donors the possibility of providing the guarantee. Donors/GBT conclude that the project cannot proceed without Mayoral support

2017 11 October

GLA Oversight Committee\_4th Hearing

Attended by Rt Hon Dame Margaret Hodge MP, Mike Brown MVO, Commissioner, TfL, David Bellamy, Chief of Staff, Greater London Authority (GLA)

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Will Jennings, Walter Menteth, Will Hurst & Dan Anderson timelines  
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