

# TfL mast campaigner wins appeal over his email tirade at 'corrupt' Boris Johnson

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An anti-mast campaigner who admits calling [Boris Johnson](#) a “w\*\*\*\*r, corrupt and a scoundrel” has won an appeal against his conviction over an email campaign.

Bryan Haven, 48, was convicted in April last year of causing “annoyance, inconvenience or anxiety” after bombarding the Mayor's office with more than 30 emails in protest at a bus communications mast [Transport for London](#) erected outside his home in Streatham.

He was given community service and a two-year restraining order banning him from contacting Mr Johnson.

Haven had complained via the TfL website that after the 60ft mast went up he had started suffering headaches and nausea and could not sleep. He said he tried to contact the Mayor but only received an automatic reply, and admitted that subsequent emails may have been “a bit spicy”.

Court papers refer to an email “which conveyed a threat, namely without reasonable compensation the sender would be happy to destroy the few remaining ragged tatters of the intended recipient's reputation”.

The appeal was first due to be heard in July last year but was adjourned. A judge then ruled the prosecution should produce evidence showing that Haven had used a “public electronic communications network”.



“It did get a bit spicy”: Bryan Haven of Streatham

After a short hearing at [Inner London crown court](#) yesterday, in which no evidence was called, Judge Patricia Lees allowed the appeal.

Outside court, Mr Haven said: “It started quite politely. I quite naively thought if they give an email address then it gets a response. It did get a bit spicy... At worst I only called him a w\*\*\*\*r, corrupt, and a scoundrel.”

He said the mast had now been removed.

Mr Haven was cleared on appeal of making use of a public communications network for the purpose of causing annoyance, inconvenience or needless anxiety to another under the Communications Act 2003.

The Mayor's office declined to comment.