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Dear Boris,

**LONDON HOUSING STRATEGY AND HOUSING STANDARDS REVIEW**

Following our telephone call earlier this year about the Housing Standards Review, we agreed that officials should discuss the details of our proposals and the issues they raised for you.

This has now happened, and good progress has been made in identifying common ground between what we want to achieve through the review and what you want to achieve in ensuring high quality, sustainable housing in London. Therefore, I understand that you will be ready to align the London plan with the review once this has been implemented.

There will of course be a period of transition and I am aware of your desire to ensure that there is no interruption in the key standards helping deliver high quality housing in London. We will shortly be consulting on detailed proposals for implementation including our intention to 'passport' existing standards where these are equivalent to our new National Standards and Regulations. The transitional arrangements for energy standards are, I know, important to you and I have asked my officials to discuss these further with yours.

I should be grateful if you would write to let me know that you share my view of this progress and confirm your intention to align planning policy in London with the outcomes of the review at the earliest opportunity. This confirmation will also help me in my consideration of the Draft London Housing Strategy.

**THE RT HON ERIC PICKLES MP**