

MAYOR OF LONDON

Rt Hon Robert Jenrick MP

Secretary of State for Housing, Communities
and Local Government
Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
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Date: 24 April 2020

Dear Robert,

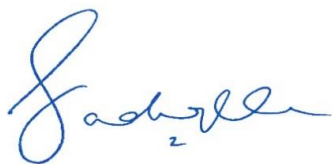
I am writing in relation to the directions that you set out under Section 337 of the GLA Act 1999 with regards to the Intend to Publish version of the London Plan.

I am mindful of the need to support the development industry and the wider economy in the recovery from the Coronavirus crisis. Certainty for the industry, including the Spatial Development Strategy and statutory framework they are working to, is crucial to this, so we must work together constructively to publish the London Plan as quickly as possible.

With that in mind, I have asked my officials to start conversations with your officials about the directions in line with your commitment to consider alternative policy changes in relation to these. I believe some amendments will be required to ensure the directions are workable in practice. My officials have now assessed their specific impacts and we consider amendments are needed to the modifications in order to remove policy ambiguities and achieve the necessary outcomes. This assessment has included identifying information that your officials did not have access to when drafting the directions and we are happy to share it to underpin the discussions.

Whilst I have instructed my officials to engage positively and constructively, I am hopeful that a form of wording we all find acceptable can be found as it would be hard for me to propose publishing my Plan if I believed this would be detrimental to the needs of London.

Yours sincerely,



Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London

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