

MAYOR OF LONDON

Rt Hon Robert Jenrick MP

Secretary of State for Housing, Communities
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Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local
Government
2 Marsham Street
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Date: 9 December 2020

Dear Robert

New Draft London Plan

I am writing to advise you of my intention to formally approve a new draft London Plan ("the Plan") that I intend to publish, which I will then send to you under regulation 9 of the Town and Country Planning (London Spatial Development Strategy) Regulations 2000.

Following the Examination in Public and receipt of the Inspectors' Panel Report, I first submitted my Intend to Publish London Plan to you on 9 December 2019. You issued directions under Section 337 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999 ("the Act") on 13 March 2020. I subsequently wrote to you on 24 April 2020 setting out my intention to work constructively with you and the importance of publishing the London Plan as quickly as possible. Shortly after that time my officials provided MHCLG with a small number of proposed amendments to those directions, as you invited us to do, in order to make the directions workable in practice.

Unfortunately, I have not yet received your response to those minor amendments. I recognise that MHCLG has faced unprecedented challenges relating to the Coronavirus pandemic. However, I also note that during this period the department has had capacity to undertake other significant areas of work such as proposed changes to the planning system. Given the impact of the pandemic on London, the development industry and the economy I believe publication of the London Plan should have been prioritised alongside that other work. As I have previously noted, what London needs right now is certainty and publication of the London Plan is crucial to London's recovery.

I therefore intend to publish a new London Plan based on our best understanding of your views to date, to ensure we continue to progress in a timely way towards securing your response under sub-section 337(7) of the Act and publication of the Plan.

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I intend to take my decision on 21 December 2020 and send a copy of the Plan to you shortly thereafter.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sadiq Khan', with a small '2' written below the name.

Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London

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