



Ministry of Housing,  
Communities &  
Local Government

Sadiq Khan  
Mayor of London  
City Hall  
The Queens Walk  
London SE1 2AA.

**Rt Hon Robert Jenrick**  
*Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and  
Local Government*

**Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local  
Government**

Fry Building  
2 Marsham Street  
London  
SW1P 4DF

Tel: 0303 444 3450  
Email: [robert.jenrick@communities.gov.uk](mailto:robert.jenrick@communities.gov.uk)

[www.gov.uk/mhclg](http://www.gov.uk/mhclg)

29 January 2021

Dear Sadiq,

### **London Plan**

I write further to my letter of 24<sup>th</sup> December 2020 and in full response to your letter of 21<sup>st</sup> December 2020 where you sent me your latest Intention to Publish version of your London Plan for my consideration. As you are aware, my officials have been in discussion with your officers on a series of matters since March last year when I first directed you on your emerging London Plan.

### **Intention to Publish**

Having considered your Intention to Publish version of the plan and the implications of the Supreme Court ruling on the Airports National Policy Statement for your London Plan, I can confirm that I have no further matters to raise with you. However, I would remind you of powers afforded to me under sections 340 and 341 of the GLA Act 1999 (as amended) that allow me to direct you to review or alter your London Plan.

Therefore, in order for you to publish the London Plan, in accordance with section 337(8) of the GLA Act 1999, I am formally confirming that the version of the London Plan that you sent to me on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2020 contains the modifications necessary to conform with all the previously issued directions under section 337 of the GLA Act 1999 (for clarity this includes the Directions issued on both 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020 and 10<sup>th</sup> December 2020).

Notwithstanding the above you still have a very long way to go to meet London's full housing need, something your plan clearly and starkly fails to achieve. Londoners deserve better and I will be seeking to work with those ambitious London Boroughs who want to deliver over and above the housing targets you have set them; something that would not have been possible without my earlier directions.

## **Next Steps**

Now that you are in a position to be able to publish your London Plan I fully expect you to start working to dramatically increase the capital's housing delivery and to start considering how your next London Plan can bridge the significant gap between the housing it seeks to deliver and the actual acute housing need London faces. I would again ask you to work closely with those authorities that surround London to develop a strategy to help alleviate the housing pressure that is faced both inside and immediately outside the capital.

I look forward to seeing the London Plan published and housing delivery in the capital ramped up. I will continue to monitor progress and look forward to seeing Boroughs update their Local Plans to reflect the changes in strategic policy this London Plan puts in place.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Jenrick." The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

**RT HON ROBERT JENRICK MP**