

MAYOR OF LONDON

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Our ref: FALP/Assembly/EL

Your ref:

Date: 28th January 2014

[by email and internal mail]

Dear Roger

Further Alterations to the London Plan (FALP) – laying the draft before the London Assembly, under S.42B of the Greater London Authority Act 1999 (as amended)

With reference to my letter of 26 January 2015, I write on behalf of the Mayor to inform you that I am now able to formally 'lay before' the London Assembly a copy of the Further Alterations to the London Plan (FALP) as the Mayor intends to publish it.

Under the provisions of S.42B of the Greater London Authority Act 1999 (as amended), the Mayor cannot publish (that is to say 'adopt') the FALP if within 21 days from the date of this letter the Assembly resolves to reject the draft. This 21 day period expires on 18 February 2015.

The Mayor published the draft FALP for public consultation in January 2014. The alterations were prepared primarily to address key housing and employment issues emerging from an analysis of census data released since the publication of the London Plan in July 2011 which indicated a substantial increase in the capital's population. On 7 July 2014 the Mayor published 'suggested changes' to FALP arising from an initial consideration of consultation responses.

An examination in public was held into the FALP in September 2014. During and immediately after the EIP the Mayor agreed a number of 'further suggested changes' that were put into the EIP to deal with points arising during the hearings. These were published together with the 'suggested changes' as the 'consolidated suggested changes' on 28 October 2014.

The Mayor received the Inspector's report on 18 November 2014. In his report to the Mayor, the Inspector concluded that the FALP could be adopted provided all the suggested changes put forward by the Mayor were incorporated and that his recommendations were accepted. The Mayor considered the Inspector's report, and agreed to accept his recommendations. In accordance with Regulation 8 (9) of the Town and Country Planning (London Spatial Development Strategy) Regulations 2000, the Mayor published the Inspector's report on 15 December 2014.

As required under SDS Regulation 8 (8), an 'intend to publish' version of the FALP was submitted to the Secretary of State CLG on 15 December 2014, together with a schedule giving the Mayor's response to the Inspector's recommendations.

Following discussions with DCLG, the Mayor agreed a further minor change to paragraph 0.16F of the FALP to clarify his response to Government parking policy.

Yesterday the Mayor received two letters from Brandon Lewis MP, Minister of State for Housing and Planning, confirming in the longer of the two letters that he is content for the Mayor to publish the FALP.

For the purposes of laying the FALP before the Assembly, I enclose:

- the Inspector's report to the Mayor
- a schedule giving the Mayor's responses to the Inspector's recommendations
- the Mayor's letter of 15 December 2014 to the Secretary of State
- two letters of 27 January 2015 from the Minister of State to the Mayor
- the Further Alterations to the London Plan as the Mayor intends to publish them (in two versions – one showing the alterations, and the other a 'clean' copy, as for publication)

I look forward discussing the FALP with the Assembly at your Plenary Meeting on 6 February.

Yours sincerely



Sir Edward Lister

Chief of Staff and Deputy Mayor for Policy & Planning

Enclosures:

- FALP EIP Inspector's report
- Mayor's response to the Inspector's recommendations
- letter 15 December 2014 Mayor to the Secretary of State Communities and Local Government
- two letters 27 January 2015 Minister of State Housing and Planning to the Mayor
- intend to publish FALP (copy showing the alterations)
- intend to publish FALP (clean copy)

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