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Date: **07 FEB 2012**

Dear Jennette

Nomination for Chair of the London Legacy Development Corporation

As you know, on 6 February I wrote to Eric Pickles formally notifying him under the Localism Act 2011 of my legal designation of a Mayoral development area covering the Olympic Park and surrounding area. In doing so I commenced the statutory process that will lead to the establishment of a Mayoral development corporation (MDC) – the London Legacy Development Corporation ("the Corporation"). I therefore expect Government to introduce secondary legislation to establish the Corporation within the next fortnight, and I'm pleased to say that we are thus on track for the Corporation to be up and running by 1 April this year, when the operations of the Olympic Park Legacy Company (OPLC) will transfer into the Corporation along with a small part of the London Thames Gateway Development Corporation. We have the Assembly to thank, among others, for this good progress, following the support it unanimously gave to my proposals at the plenary meeting on 18 January.

One of the things I need to do in preparing for this transition is to appoint a chair and board for the Corporation. The GLA Act 1999 (as amended: "the Act") requires that anyone I propose to appoint as chair of an MDC should be subject to a recommendation from the London Assembly before I make the appointment, in accordance with Schedule 4A to the Act. In light of the start of the statutory procedures for the Corporation's creation, I am writing to you today to formally to notify you that I propose to appoint Baroness Margaret Ford to the position of Chair of the London Legacy Development Corporation subject to the statutory confirmation process.

Margaret is in a uniquely strong position to become the Corporation's first Chair. She has ably led OPLC through its successful first three years, putting London's Olympic legacy on a stronger footing than any previous host city has achieved. As you know, I place a great deal of importance on ensuring continuity and a smooth transition at this critical moment for the Olympic Park, and I therefore believe Margaret to be the best candidate to lead the Corporation through the transition period.

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As well as the information above, I am obliged to provide you with Baroness Ford's correspondence address. You can reach her at:

Baroness Margaret Ford
Chair, Olympic Park Legacy Company
29-35 West Ham Lane
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London E15 4PH

As you will see from the attached correspondence, which we are also publishing today, I have agreed with Margaret that she will stand down as Chair of the Corporation later this year after the Games have concluded. The immediate post-Games period represents a natural moment of transition, and while I will be sorry to see Margaret leave a post in which she has excelled, I understand and accept the reasons she has given for doing so. The process of advertising for, and in due course appointing, a new Chair to succeed Margaret will begin shortly after the election in May.

I trust that this gives you the information you need to carry out the Assembly's important role in this appointment process. I look forward to hearing the outcome of the hearing, no later than three weeks from today.

Yours ever,



Boris Johnson
Mayor of London