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**Title:** Climate Change and Extreme Weather – Letter to the Secretary of State for Transport

**Executive Summary**

At the Environment Committee meeting on 15 January 2020, the Committee resolved:

*That authority be delegated to the Chair, in consultation with party Group Lead Members, to agree any output from the discussion.*

As part of the Committee’s investigation into climate change and extreme weather, the Committee agreed to write to the Secretary of State for Transport, The Rt Hon Grant Shapps MP, to address points made about the impact the High Speed 2 project could have on chalk aquifers in the London Borough of Hillingdon.

Following consultation, the Chair of the Environment Committee agreed to send a letter to the Secretary of State for Transport on 29 January 2020. The letter will be reported to the Environment Committee at its meeting on 13 February 2020 for noting.

**Decision**

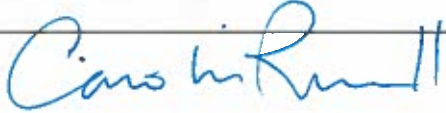
That the Chair, in consultation with party Group Lead Members, agree the Committee’s letter to the Secretary of State for Transport.

**Assembly Member**

I confirm that I do not have any disclosable pecuniary interests in the proposed decision and take the decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct for elected Members of the Authority.

The above request has my approval.

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**Signature**  **Date** 12 Feb 2020

**Printed Name** Caroline Russell AM, Chair of the Environment Committee

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## Decision by an Assembly Member under Delegated Authority

### Notes:

1. The Lead Officer should prepare this form for signature by relevant Members of the Assembly to record any instance where the Member proposes to take action under a specific delegated authority. The purpose of the form is to record the advice received from officers, and the decision made.
2. **The 'background' section (below) should be used to include an indication as to whether the information contained in / referred to in this Form should be considered as exempt under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA), or the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR). If so, the specimen Annex (attached below) should be used. If this form does deal with exempt information, you must submit both parts of this form for approval together.**

### Background and proposed next steps:

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### Confirmation that appropriate delegated authority exists for this decision

Signed by Committee Services



Date 29/01/20

Print Name: Lauren Harvey

Tel: x4383

### Financial implications

**NOT REQUIRED**

Signed by Finance

N/A

Date .....

Print Name

N/A

Tel: .....

### Legal implications

The Chair of the Environment Committee has the power to make the decision set out in this report.

Signed by Legal



Date 3/2/20.....

Print Name

Emma Strain, Monitoring Officer

Tel: x4399

**Supporting detail/List of Consultees:**

Leonie Cooper AM (Deputy Chair), Tony Arbour AM and David Kurten AM

**Public Access to Information**

Information in this form (Part 1) is subject to the FoIA, or the EIR and will be made available on the GLA Website within one working day of approval.

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**Part 1 – Deferral**

**Is the publication of Part 1 of this approval to be deferred?**

Until what date: (a date is required if deferring)

**Part 2 – Sensitive information**

Only the facts or advice that would be exempt from disclosure under FoIA or EIR should be included in the separate Part 2 form, together with the legal rationale for non-publication.

**Is there a part 2 form - No**

**Lead Officer/Author**

Signed



Date 12/2/2020

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Countersigned by  
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Date 20.02.20

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