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Dear Mr McKee

Historic England's submission to the Outer London Commission

Thank you for the opportunity for Historic England to provide comments on the key issues being addressed by the Commission.

On addressing the issues raised, Historic England has prepared a vision for London's Heritage (attached as Appendix A), which informs our response to the questions set by the Commission, and prepared background papers. The headline comments following the review of the questions are as follows:

- London's heritage is an irreplaceable resource that can be successfully adapted when appropriately identified and valued, as part of delivering sustainable developments. This includes proven cases where heritage assets such as listed buildings and conservation areas have been changed to accommodate the need to deliver housing and jobs.
- Early engagement with local authority conservation specialists and Historic England's Advisers is essential to help provide a basis of understanding and to identify the potential for change in the historic environment.
- Historic England's conservation principles as enshrined in the NPPF provide a consistent approach to successfully managing the historic environment across



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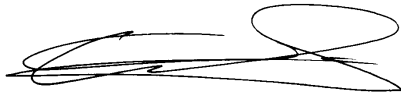
London and the wider south east. This should be applied to both strategic and local issues.

- Historic England concludes that the solutions for accommodating growth will rely on pursuing a number of spatial options. The recent Inspector's report on the Further Alterations to the London Plan identifies that further consideration should be given to local character and context, including the historic environment. As both a strategic and local issue Historic England would wish to be included in any strategic planning initiatives across the wider south east.

Fully details of our response are attached as Appendix B.

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss our comments at any future meetings and provide further support to the Commission and its members.

Yours sincerely



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