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Dear Mr. McKee

Re: Response to the Outer London Commission

I write following the latest round of Outer London Commission debates held around the city during the spring and summer of 2015, and in response to the questions posed in the three background papers covering issues pertinent to the forthcoming review of the London Plan. As an outer London borough with some unique issues that are likely to be significant for the capital, and issues that are common to others, LB Hounslow is grateful for the opportunity to contribute.

Our submission contains a summary sheet which picks out some of the main issues that Hounslow faces in dealing with and accommodating growth over the coming years. We expect to adopt a borough wide Local Plan on September 15th 2015 which will provide a vision for the next 15 years. It includes within it a commitment to a review of two key areas; West of the Borough and the Great West Corridor.

Both of these areas are significant for London and integral to the wider city's success. The west of the borough is adjacent to Heathrow. It is within an opportunity area defined by the London Plan and contains all of the borough's green belt. The challenge of encouraging and promoting jobs and housing growth here to take advantage of the ambition of the airport and the opportunity it presents, whilst addressing the green belt and local and strategic transport needs is obvious.

The Great West Corridor was established as a significant employment location in the first half of the 20th century, and the area has remained a major employment provider to the present day, with a key cluster of media and technology companies who are critical to this country's success in this sector going forward. Focussing growth and improved transport infrastructure on this area can support its growth and continued innovation.

The success of our strategies in these two areas are tied into the futures of two of our town centres. Both Feltham and Brentford can look to provide an improved quality of life for current and future residents if we can balance the needs of our businesses and employees with the places in which they are located.

We would be eager to develop the conversation with you in the context of the review of the Local Plan, and would be happy to meet to discuss these issues in full.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Curran', with a stylized, wavy flourish at the end.

Cllr Steve Curran
Leader of the Council