

MAYOR OF LONDON

Mayor Lutfur Rahman

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Date: 12 July 2022

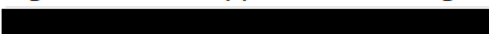
Dear Mayor Rahman,

London Legacy Development Corporation (the "Corporation")

I am writing to appoint you as a member of the London Legacy Development Corporation (LLDC) Board. Your appointment will commence on the date of this letter and will continue, subject as set out in this letter, for a period ending on:

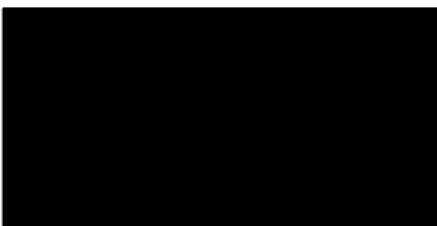
- (i) 7 May 2026 (being the date of the next scheduled local government elections); or
- (ii) the expiry of your term of office as the elected Mayor of Tower Hamlets; or
- (iii) fourteen days after the London Borough of Tower Hamlets notifies the Mayor of London and you in writing that the Mayor of London should appoint another named elected member in your place;

whichever is the soonest (the "Term").

Please return the signed terms of appointment, along with the completed register of interests form also attached, to @londonlegacy.co.uk.

I look forward to working with you to establish Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park as a dynamic new metropolitan centre for London.

Yours sincerely,



Sadiq Khan

Mayor of London

Att. Terms of Appointment
Members Register of Interests Form
LLDC Standing Orders
Travel and expenses policy

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3 August 2022

Dear Sadiq,

Many thanks for your warm congratulations on my recent victory in being elected Mayor of Tower Hamlets. It is a privilege and an honor to be able to serve the residents of this amazing borough once again.

Tower Hamlets is a vibrant borough and has one of the most diverse populations in the country. This comes with its own challenges to ensure that the needs of the whole community are catered for. I look forward to working with stakeholders across the borough and beyond, to deliver a joint vision that works for all and leaves a positive impact on the local community.

It has now been a few months since I took office, and I would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss how we can work together to deliver for the borough and London. I am more than happy to come to City Hall to accommodate, alternatively I would be delighted to host you in Tower Hamlets.

Please do let me know of a date that is convenient for you to meet, your office can email us on [REDACTED]@towerhamlets.gov.uk to co-ordinate diaries.

Yours sincerely



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26th June 2023

Mr S Khan
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Dear Sadiq

Housing Supply and RTB Ringfenced Receipts

Tower Hamlets Council like the GLA seeks to maximise the amount of affordable housing we can to meet the needs of residents in the borough. This need is particularly acute to those households experiencing overcrowding, which currently stands at over 23,000 residents.

The Council currently has an extensive development programme, funded from a variety of sources including ringfenced receipts held by the GLA. The sum rolled over to the GLA to administer is quite considerable and needed to meet the timetable that you gave of nearly £20m by end of March 2023 we have claimed/are due £12,555,932. This leaves over £7m missed. The schemes that missed the deadline are Brunton, Vawdrey, Rushmead and Montefiore.

The Council has sought to prioritise schemes that you held funding for but like many other London councils has not been able to meet the deadlines and have been told that the money not drawn down will be rolled over into a new funding pot. We were told well over a year ago that this new funding pot would be available following the end of last financial year 2022/23. However, details are still to be received and what we do know is that the pot is to be made available pan-London. This will mean that councils that had schemes like us are at risk of losing funding while others that had no schemes in the ringfence may now be able to bid for these.

The schemes we had identified have not gone away and still need developing. Therefore, we propose that the ringfence originally allocated to us be maintained or extended as we understand that additional funding held by the GLA will be made available for councils to bid for as part of the 2021-26 programme through continuous market engagement arrangements (CME)



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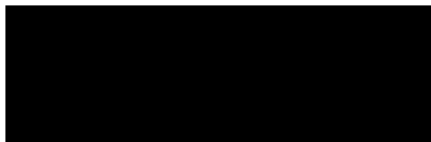
We are currently clarifying with your officers exactly how much funding was transferred to you by Government, as there seems to be approximately £2m discrepancy in our favour. The Council's records indicate that we paid over a total of £26m to DLUHC (MHCLG at the time), £2m in 2018/19, £19m in 2019/20 and £5m in 2020/21). Once this situation is confirmed, should it show this sum was not considered in the ringfence programme we request too that this is added.

The other issue that we wish to raise is that of substitutions. Most development programmes allow movement with budgets e.g. schemes progressing better than others are added or schemes slowing down or delayed are temporarily moved. In the ringfence programme this was not allowed, with a small exception of £265k for two buy backs that were not progressing to a new build scheme. This was gratefully received but ask whether this can be considered again. We currently have a further £4.27m due to claim by end of 23.3.24 that we would like switched to another scheme.

Please let us also know whether this can be accommodated.

Regards,

Lutfur



Executive Mayor of Tower Hamlets

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Lutfur Rahman

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Date: 27 June 2023

Dear Lutfur,

I am delighted to extend my heartfelt thanks to you and your team on the resounding success of this year's RideLondon event. Now in its tenth year, we believe this was the best RideLondon yet. The dedication, meticulous planning, and hard work demonstrated by our teams have made it an outstanding and memorable experience for participants and spectators alike.

I am sure you agree that it was an incredibly inspiring day. We saw Londoners from all backgrounds and stages of life enjoying the day – participating, spectating, and cheering on the riders. Around 22,500 people took part in the RideLondon-Essex inspiration rides of 100, 60 and 30 miles, and around 50,000 participants took part in our family-friendly closed road event in central London, FreeCycle, which returned to The Mall this year.

RideLondon is recognised as the most successful sporting legacy event from the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games, with more than 500,000 participants cycling more than 46.5m miles since the first edition of the event in 2013. Furthermore, RideLondon has inspired more than 150,000 new or lapsed cyclists to get on a bike and has raised more than £85m for charities and good causes.

Our post-event survey is currently live, here are key headlines from the initial 3,500 respondents:

- 91% of the participants rated the event as good or excellent.
- More than half were taking part in RideLondon for the first time.
- More than 25% of the riders fundraised for charity.
- More than 25% of the riders didn't cycle regularly before taking part in the event.
- More than 40% say they will now cycle more and that same number also expect to make fewer trips by car in favour of cycling.
- More than 40% say their participation has inspired a close family member to cycle more.
- Almost a quarter of the participants were female.

There was also great publicity for London itself both nationally and internationally, with three hours of live BBC broadcast coverage on Sunday which had a peak TV audience of 400k. The women's professional race, the Classique, which took place over three days, with the final day in London, was broadcast in more than 170 countries around the world.

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I am also pleased to be able to update you that this year's event had no significant operational issues reported. With that said, full debrief processes are now underway, and we are working with your officers as part of this to ensure road impacts and lessons learned are reviewed and discussed, feeding into future event planning and improvements.

The RideLondon team will be in touch with your teams to discuss next year's event, which is planned for Sunday 26 May 2024. We would like to replicate this year's event format while also building on its success with greater collaboration with local authority cycling initiatives. Having more planning time will greatly help us to maximise the benefits of the event and mitigate impacts further still.

Once again, many thanks for your support in hosting a truly amazing RideLondon 2023. I look forward to working with you to replicate the success in 2024.

Yours sincerely,

Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London

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Date: 7 September 2023

Dear Lutfur,

Thank you for your letter to the Mayor. I am replying on his behalf. I share your view that both the Greater London Authority (GLA) and Tower Hamlets Council seek to maximise the amount of affordable housing to meet the needs of Londoners and, in particular, overcrowded households in the borough.

Indeed, I am proud of the strides that boroughs have taken to return to their role as major housebuilders in London. My team and I wish to do all we can to support councils in building new homes for social rent.

The GLA originally received a total of £24,152,538 Ringfenced Right to Buy (RTB) monies from DLUHC, of which £19,390,494 was due to be taken-up in 2022/23 and the balance of £4,762,044 in 2023/24.

Our records show that £10,435,305 was taken-up by 31 March 2023 (see Appendix 1), resulting in an underspend of £8,955,189, which includes £1,990,382 on 17 abandoned buyback properties (see Appendix 2), and four new build schemes at Brunton Wharf Yorkshire Road, Vawdrey Close, Rushmead Street & Montefiore Centre.

You are quite right to say that underspend on the Ringfenced RTB will be credited to a new funding pot as set out in Tom Copley's letter of 8 February 2022 to Mayor John Biggs about the winddown of the RTB Ringfence Offer (copy attached)

The Housing & Land team has been working hard to finalise the governance, monitoring, reporting, and contractual arrangements for the new funding pot and we hope to have this completed in the near future.

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In the interim, you are encouraged to bid for Brunton Wharf Yorkshire Road, Vawdrey Close, Rushmead Street & Montefiore Centre via Continuous Market Engagement in the 2021-26 Affordable Homes Programme with priority being given to social rented homes that offer value for money and are deliverable in 2023/24.

If you have any further queries about the closure of the RTB Ringfence Offer, substitutions, Continuous Market Engagement in the 2021-26 Affordable Homes Programme or about how else the GLA can support your development programme, please do get in touch with the Council's GLA Area Manager.

Separately, it would be useful to discuss how we can support affordable homes delivery in the borough and specifically on the Aberfeldy Estate scheme which fell out of the Mayor's 16-23 affordable homes programme.

Yours sincerely,

Tom Copley

Deputy Mayor for Housing & Residential Development