

# **4th Mayor's Report to the Assembly**

## **Mayor's Question Time 12 September 2024**

This is my fourth report to the Assembly, fulfilling my duty under Section 45 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999. It covers the period from 5 July – 29 August 2024

Please note that the information in the Mayor's Report is accurate at the time of publishing.

## **Executive Summary**

### **2024 Olympic Games**

On 26 July, as the 2024 Olympic Games got underway in Paris, I travelled to the French capital to bang the drum for London as a major global sporting, business and tourist destination. During my time there, I was honoured to attend the opening ceremony at the invitation of the Mayor of Paris and meet with senior sporting officials and business leaders to drive home the message that London is the best city in the world in which to host major sporting events. I visited Team GB House and met with over 30 key international businesses, including Business France and Klara at an event organised by London & Partners. I also had the opportunity to meet with senior officials from the British Olympic Association to talk about the capital's role in future major sporting events and with Eurostar CEO, Gwendoline Cazenave, to discuss opportunities for the GLA and Eurostar to promote further tourism, trade and investment between London, France and the rest of Europe.

On 12 August, it was a real honour to welcome home and meet many of our distinguished Team GB athletes at London's St Pancras International Station. To bring home 65 medals – one more than the previous Olympic Games in Tokyo – is a real testament to the skill, determination and brilliance our Olympians have demonstrated on the world's biggest sporting stage. Throughout these Games, we've once again seen how special the Olympics is and it makes me more determined as Mayor to continue building on London's incredible sporting legacy and bring more major international sporting events to the capital.

### **7/7 Anniversary**

On Sunday 7 July, Deputy Mayor Joanne McCartney, joined by London Assembly member Len Duvall and representatives from across the emergency services, TfL and British Transport Police, laid a wreath at the Hyde Park 7 July Memorial to honour the 52 innocent people killed and the 700 injured as a result of the 2005 terrorist attacks.

This year was the 19<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the attacks, and the ceremony served as an opportunity for quiet reflection in memory of all that suffered. As the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary approaches in 2025, we are reminded of the importance of the work that has taken place across London to unite against terrorism in all its forms. The safety of Londoners is at the forefront of our work at the GLA and continues to be a top priority. I'd like to extend my sincerest thanks to those who work tirelessly in our communities and in the police to keep Londoners safe in the fight against terrorism.

## **TfL confirms the next 12 Tube stations to be prioritised for step-free access, as work on improving accessibility of Underground network gathers pace**

On 5 August, TfL announced that work is underway on increasing the number of step-free stations on the London Underground network. It is starting design work imminently on making a further three Tube stations step-free, which means there are now five Underground stations with funding in place for this phase. A further seven Tube stations will undergo assessment for step-free access feasibility.

Work is starting on the designs that would make three Piccadilly line stations step-free (Alperton, Arnos Grove and Eastcote, which is also served by the Metropolitan line), building on feasibility work that started last year.

This follows TfL confirming earlier this year that work was to start at Northolt Tube station on the Central line to make it step-free, and that design work will start at North Acton (Central line) and West Hampstead (Jubilee line).

Today, more than a third of Underground stations across the city provide step-free access, and I have set an ambitious goal to make 50 per cent of Tube stations step-free by 2030.

Increasing the number of Underground stations with step-free access continues TfL's work to make the capital's transport network more accessible but progress will depend on deliverability and TfL's future funding position, with schemes prioritised where there is third party funding available.

I will continue to work with TfL to keep increasing the number of stations with step-free access, and build a better, fairer and more accessible London for everyone.

## **London's Superloop express bus network celebrates one year anniversary, as latest data shows it has driven increased usage of buses in outer London**

Just over one year ago, TfL launched the SL8, the very first route to carry the Superloop branding. New data shows the average increase in passengers on all Superloop corridors (including parallel routes) since the June 2023 baseline is 11 per cent, nine per cent higher than the network average. Increasing numbers of customers are seeing the benefits of the game-changing network of express bus services, with new Superloop services adding more than six million bus kilometres per year to the capital's network, above the four million originally forecast. The Superloop network connects people using it with 310 other bus routes, 49 rail stations and 23 rail lines, improving outer London's connectivity.

Bus ridership continues to grow across the network with 1.86 billion bus journeys made in 2023/2024. More than 95 per cent of Londoners live within 400 metres of a bus stop, with buses being the most accessible, sustainable and affordable form of public transport. The Superloop connects town centres, hospitals, schools and transport hubs and other key locations across outer London. Early ridership figures show that almost half of all Superloop journeys involve an interchange with another mode of public transport, showing the important role it is already playing in outer London's connectivity. Alongside the daily cap, my Hopper Fare means customers can take unlimited journeys within an hour for just £1.75, saving Londoners money on multi-route journeys, and encouraging more sustainable travel.

This new data shows that if you build it, people will come and use it, and this is just the start. I have bold ambitions to deliver even more improvements to London's bus network, including Superloop 2 which will support my aim to build a fairer, greener London for all.

## **Trees for London funding announcement**

On 17 July, I announced an additional £1m funding to extend the Trees for London Programme for 2024. Trees for London supports a range of projects to support London's resilience against the impact of climate change, and to support my target of increasing the canopy cover by 10% by 2050. Focussing on areas of greatest need, the programme supports community tree planting, encourages young people to plant and care for trees in schools, and funds street tree planting. This continues my support for London's Urban Forest, which has already delivered more than 500,000 trees since 2016.

## **London-wide ULEZ Six Month Report**

On 25 July, I published the London-wide Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) Six Month Report. It provided a preliminary analysis of air pollutant emissions and concentrations. The ULEZ is the centrepiece of a range of measures I am implementing to tackle London's toxic air, and the report demonstrates the success of the recent expansion within the outer London ULEZ area, with NOx emissions from cars and vans estimated to be 13 per cent, and seven per cent lower than a scenario without the expansion. This is equivalent to removing 200,000 cars from the road for one year. The report also highlights what roadside NO2 concentrations are estimated to have been in different parts of London in the absence of the ULEZ and its expansions:

- Levels in Outer London are estimated to be 21 per cent lower
- Levels in Central London are estimated to be 53 per cent lower
- Levels in Inner London are estimated to be 24 per cent lower

The full report can be found at: [London-wide ULEZ Six Month Report | London City Hall](#)

## **LatinoLife in the Park**

I was very pleased to be able to support the UK's largest Latin Festival, LatinoLife in the Park, which took place in Walpole Park in Ealing on Saturday 20 July.

Over 10,000 people from across the capital celebrated Latin American, Spanish and Portuguese culture through a flamboyant showcase of music and dance across three stages whilst enjoying the flavours of 30 different food offerings.

Now in its eighth year, this festival continues to highlight the important contribution the Latino community provides to London.

## **UK Black Pride**

On Sunday 11 August, UK Black Pride - Europe's largest celebration for LGBTQIA+ people of African, Asian, Middle Eastern, Latin American, and Caribbean heritage - hosted its 19<sup>th</sup> celebration in London. I was delighted to support this event, held at the Queen Elizabeth Park, which saw a record number of attendees enjoying a free and inclusive day of entertainment showcasing and celebrating the LGBTQIA+ global majority community.

This year's event, under the theme of 'Freedom and Justice', aimed to create a safe space in the face of adversity so often misdirected towards our LGBTQIA+ communities. The day served as a reminder of the urgent work that needs to take place in the UK and globally, to tackle inequality and prejudice affecting Black and Global Majority LGBTQIA+ people. We are very proud to host this event in London, a city that celebrates our diversity as a strength, not a weakness.

## **UNESCO Day for Remembering the Transatlantic Slave Trade and its Abolition**

On Friday 23 August, we remembered and honoured the millions of men, women and children who suffered and died as a result of the transatlantic slave trade – one of the most horrific chapters in human history, at our annual ceremony.

The theme of this year's ceremony was 'Black Liberation: Our Journey to Repair'. The sentiment of this theme was to give people hope, liberation and justice.

We were honoured to have Dr Sasha Turner, Associate Professor of History, Johns Hopkins University, as our keynote speaker this year, alongside spoken word performances and other key speeches.

My Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, Dr Debbie Weekes-Bernard, gave the Mayoral address at our 7<sup>th</sup> annual event at City Hall and hosted an evening reception to commemorate this poignant evening.

On the same day, my Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, Dr Debbie Weekes-Bernard, and Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries, Justine Simons OBE, announced *The Wake* by Khaleb Brooks as London's new Memorial to Victims of Transatlantic Slavery. Inspired by the shape of a cowrie shell, *The Wake* represents the perseverance, prosperity and beauty rooted in Africa and African diasporic heritage.

## **Notting Hill Carnival**

One of London's most important cultural events, Notting Hill Carnival, took place over the August bank holiday weekend, attracting an estimated 1 million people, in one of the world's biggest street festivals. I'm proud to support this internationally renowned event that aims to inspire increased youth participation and creativity to keep the carnival arts scene alive.

The event could not be delivered without the hard work of Notting Hill Carnival Ltd, the public, the voluntary agencies, and the local authorities and emergency services who support the event. I thank them all for their dedication.

## **Major Sports Events: Impact for London Report 2023**

New figures released on 26 July, revealed that across just six major sporting events held in the capital in 2023 – in NFL, MLB, Formula E and cycling – London received an economic boost of £160 million. The report, developed in partnership with ThinkBeyond, also revealed that young people have had more opportunities to get involved in major sporting events with more than 1,000 regularly taking part in NFL flag football programmes, and more than 3,700 young Londoners from across 50 schools participating in Major League Baseball 'First Pitch' sessions.

London is the global capital for major sports events. Visitors for these events significantly boost local hospitality, retail and tourism businesses and create opportunities for Londoners. These competitions inspire not only the next generation of sporting stars but countless people, to live happier, healthier lives by staying active. The global attention that these events attract also reinforces London's reputation as a vibrant, inclusive, and outward-looking city. I am proud that, as well as looking back with pride, we can look forward with optimism. London has already secured some of the biggest sporting events in the world, including the UEFA Champions League Final 2024, the Women's Rugby World Cup 2025, and the UEFA European Football Championship 2028.

This marks the beginning of a new era for major sports events in our capital as we build on our phenomenal success. Our ambition is to host further internationally renowned events, explore opportunities to engage more global sports, and improve our already outstanding venues, famed sporting institutions and packed calendar for years to come.

The full report is available to download [here](#).

## **Policing, Crime and Security**

### **Working with the Government for a safer London**

On 24 July I met with Home Secretary Yvette Cooper MP to discuss my plans for policing and safety in London, and how we will work together to tackle crime and its complex causes. I look forward to working with her and the Government in the years ahead as we build a safer London – and nation – for all.

### **Standing together against hatred and intolerance**

I was appalled by the scenes of disorder that broke out around the country – including in London – following the horrific attack on a children's dance class in Southport on 29 July which left three girls dead and several other people injured.

The peaceful shows of unity we saw on our streets in response to this disorder were inspiring and comforting. I'm proud that Londoners sent a clear message that we are an open and welcoming city that is united against all forms of hate.

However, there is no question that the violence and disorder that was seen across the country left many Londoners afraid. There is no room for complacency, and this is why I continue to work closely with the government, the Met and community leaders to ensure that Londoners are safe and feel safe.

On 7 August, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner and I hosted a briefing for London's Members of Parliament and Borough Leaders on community cohesion and safety in the city. The following day I visited Stamford Bridge to attend a session of Chelsea Football Club Foundation's Standing Together Project – which I am proud to support through my Shared Endeavour Fund. Using the power of football, the project empowers young Londoners to reject hate and give them the confidence to stand up to intolerance.

On 14 August I visited Al Manaar, the Muslim Cultural Heritage Centre in west London to speak with mosque leaders and provide further reassurance following the disorder seen around the country over the preceding fortnight, announcing funding for four additional security training sessions in mosques across the capital, as part of my work to support safety and security in all places of worship in the capital.

I am grateful to everyone who has played a part in the response to the awful events we witnessed in the past few weeks, and to those who work all year round to keep our city safe and encourage community cohesion. London will always be proud of our diversity and we will continue to do all we can to show that our city will never tolerate violence, racism, Islamophobia and antisemitism.

## Transport

### **New TfL campaign launches to tackle violence against staff on London's transport network**

On 19 August TfL launched a new campaign to tackle violence and aggression against staff on the transport network, sending a strong message to offenders that it is not tolerated on TfL's services and making it clear that both physical and verbal abuse is a criminal offence with consequences. TfL takes work-related violence and aggression extremely seriously and this new campaign is one element of its work to ensure its staff are safe, feel safe and are supported.

TfL staff work hard to serve the millions of customers who use the transport network every day and have the right to go about their work without fear or intimidation. There has been an increase in all incidents of work-related violence and aggression, with higher numbers of verbal abuse, threats, hate and aggression being reported. In 2023/24 there were 10,493 reports of work-related violence and aggression, compared to 9,989 in 2022/23, an increase of five per cent. TfL encourages all staff to report any instance of abuse, whether physical or non-physical, so that proactive measures can be taken, and the overall increase in reporting could indicate that staff have more confidence to report, knowing that every incident will be taken seriously.

The campaign uses real life incidents of staff abuse to send a clear message to perpetrators that they will be caught, and action will be taken. TfL will always work with the police to ensure anyone who assaults its colleagues is brought to justice.

Anyone who is abusive, aggressive or violent towards staff on London's transport network can expect to be arrested and prosecuted.

### **TfL calls for final scrappage scheme applications as scheme planned to wind down after more than £186m committed since January 2023**

TfL has called on any remaining Londoners who wish to use the ULEZ scrappage scheme to submit their applications by 23:59 on 7 September ahead of its planned closure.

The scheme for the expanded outer London area has now seen more than £186m committed to around 54,000 applicants. This was on top of the £61m for the central and inner London ULEZ, which led to more than 15,000 successful applications. The scheme, which opened in January 2023, was expanded to cover all Londoners in the capital ahead of the launch of the London-wide ULEZ. It has been highly successful in supporting people to adapt to the world-leading clean air zone.

The vast majority of people with older, more polluting vehicles have already taken action and application numbers have dropped sharply in recent weeks. With compliance levels in London now at over 96 per cent, the scrappage scheme has been successful in achieving its objectives.

In addition to the closure of the scrappage scheme, it is proposed that the grace period for minibuses used by not-for-profit organisations for community transport is extended from October 2025 to October 2027. Grace periods for community transport and disabled Londoners remain open until October 2027.

It is proposed that any funds remaining following the planned closure will be considered for other uses to further the Mayor's Transport Strategy.

I am proud that the scrappage scheme - the biggest in the UK - has supported so many Londoners to switch to cleaner, greener vehicles. I remain committed to taking world-leading action to improve London's air quality and encourage sustainable transport.

### **900 additional e-bikes available to hire, enabling even more Londoners to use the Santander Cycles scheme**

TfL and Santander are making significant improvements to the Santander Cycles scheme by more than tripling the number available to hire and further expanding access to cycling for all. The e-bike fleet will reach a total of 2,000 bikes by the end of summer 2024.

The e-bikes have broken records this year, with more than one million hires made since they were introduced in 2022. The bikes are being hired at around twice the rate of a classic bike, highlighting their popularity. The new e-bikes will enable even more Londoners to enjoy the benefits that cycling can bring, from improved health to cleaner air. The new bikes also help to break down the barriers that stop some people from cycling, including fitness and journey length.

TfL offered a free Day Pass on Sundays in June to celebrate the launch of TfL Cycle Sundays, a new programme of leisurely cycle routes designed to encourage more Londoners to get out and enjoy the capital by cycle. This gave customers unlimited 30 minute rides for free using a standard Santander cycle or £1 per ride if using an e-bike. The offer was redeemed more than 13,000 times and 64 per cent of the customers who redeemed it were new to Santander Cycles. TfL will be using the success of this promotion to look at further ways of attracting more customers to the scheme later this year.

Our Santander e-bikes are proving extremely popular with Londoners and so I'm delighted we're tripling our e-bike fleet. These additional bikes will enable even more people to cycle for shorter journeys, helping build a better, fairer and greener London for everyone.

### **TfL makes £80 million of funding available to boroughs to help make streets safer and improve bus journey times**

TfL is making up to £50 million of funding available for boroughs to improve road safety on borough roads, as well as £30 million of funding to improve bus journey times and increase bus ridership. London's boroughs play a key role in the planning and delivery of schemes that transform local areas and support my Vision Zero goal of eliminating death and serious injury from the transport network, as well as improving opportunities for safe and active travel in local communities. They also help ensure that the capital's bus service is comfortable and easy for all to use, offer attractive journey times and provide the connections people need.

This funding is in addition to the £80.4 million of Local Implementation Plan funding allocated to London's boroughs in 2024/25 and will help boroughs to continue their vital work making the capital's roads safer and more attractive for people using public transport, walking and cycling.

TfL is making the fund available to boroughs over the next three years to deliver significant safety improvements in their local area by reducing speeds and tackling the city's most dangerous roads and junctions. The fund will be open to projects between £0.5 million and £5 million.

Examples of schemes TfL will consider funding through Borough Safer Streets include:

- Projects that look to improve safety by reducing speeding and help to reduce the risk and severity of collisions



- Projects that develop improvements to protect vulnerable road users and improve safety for people walking and cycling
- Road safety improvements in high-risk locations

TfL is also providing £30 million in funding to a new programme called Better Bus Partnerships, which will make up to £10 million available for three successful boroughs to deliver transformational bus infrastructure and operational improvements.

### **Majority of respondents supportive of plans to extend the DLR to Beckton Riverside and Thamesmead, TfL public consultation finds**

At the beginning of August TfL published the consultation report on plans for a cross-river extension of the DLR from Gallions Reach to Thamesmead, via Beckton Riverside, with the majority of respondents supportive of the proposals. In all, 58 per cent of respondents said the extension would make their journeys quicker around their local area and 75 per cent said it would make journeys into wider east and southeast London easier.

The consultation, launched earlier this year, received 1,254 responses from members of the public and 29 from a range of stakeholders including pan-London transport user groups, local businesses, environmental groups, politicians and adjacent boroughs. In addition to the consultation, TfL ran sample polling in locations in Beckton, Gallions Reach, Thamesmead and Abbey Wood where 85 per cent supported or strongly supported the proposals.

It is great to see support to extend the DLR, which presents a crucial opportunity to boost connectivity by linking two major growth areas with two new accessible stations.

TfL will now progress work on plans for the cross-river extension. The scheme is currently unfunded so part of this work includes developing a funding and financing strategy for the project, which would likely draw on funding from the private and public sectors, including TfL, local, regional and national sources. The aim is to agree an affordable solution by 2025, to enable construction to begin as early as 2028 and opening the DLR extension to customers in the early 2030s.

TfL also continues to discuss with Government its wider capital funding requirements and the link between transport investment, productivity and economic growth.

### **TfL sets out proposed package of measures to support users of Silvertown and Blackwall Tunnels alongside consultation on user charge**

On 10 July 2024, TfL set out a green and fair package of concessions and discounts to support Londoners and businesses when the Silvertown tunnel opens in 2025.

East London residents and businesses currently face chronic congestion in the area around the Blackwall Tunnel. The Victorian-era tunnel suffers from frequent closures - more than 700 times a year – which results in large tailbacks, poor air quality and millions of hours lost due to drivers being trapped in traffic. The new modern tunnel linking Silvertown in east London to the Greenwich Peninsula will reduce journey times and help manage air pollution. It will also support economic growth and allow TfL to increase the number of buses able to cross the river in this area from five to 21 buses an hour in each direction during the busiest times between 7am to 7pm Monday to Friday – all of which will be zero emission at the tailpipe.

Tunnel user charges - required as part of the development consent for the new tunnel and first proposed in 2012 - will be introduced for using the Silvertown and Blackwall Tunnels between 06:00 and 22:00, seven days a week once the new Silvertown Tunnel opens in spring 2025.

During an eight-week consultation, Londoners have been able to comment on the proposed tunnel user charges, discounts and exemptions. This will enable TfL to ensure the user charge and range of discounts, both of which will be subject to the approval of the TfL Board, have been informed by feedback from the public.

### **2024 grant applications for community groups to further boost walking and cycling among Londoners of all backgrounds**

TfL has been welcoming applications for its Walking and Cycling Grants London (WCGL) programme, with more than £565,000 of grant funding available for community and not-for-profit groups that encourage people to walk and cycle.

Local community organisations can play a vital role in enabling more people to choose walking and cycle for shorter journeys, particularly from groups that have historically been under-represented. That's why I'm delighted that these groups will benefit from our walking and cycling grants, to help boost active travel in local communities and build a better, greener, more sustainable London for everyone.

Each successful applicant will receive up to £8,000 over two years with an opportunity to extend their project for another year and receive an additional £2,000.

The programme is funded by TfL in partnership with The London Marathon Foundation, and administered by Groundwork London.

### **TfL sets out plans to improve safety at Hogarth Roundabout**

TfL has invited people to have their say on major new plans to improve safety at Hogarth Roundabout, reducing road danger at this busy junction. The roundabout carries large amounts of traffic travelling to and from Chiswick, Richmond, Hammersmith, and Gunnersbury. However, the junction ranks in the top 10 per cent of junctions in London in terms of road safety risk. This is particularly important for people motorcycling, who were involved in six collisions at this junction between July 2020 and June 2023. There have also been two serious vehicle collisions.

Making the transport network safer for everyone is vital and forms a key part of my Vision Zero goal of eliminating death and serious injury in the capital. TfL is proposing multiple changes to directly address the causes of collisions here, and make the roundabout more accessible for people in the area.

I am committed to making London's roads safer and more accessible for everyone, which is why a dedicated left turn lane, and lowering the speed limit, in order to reduce collisions and increase safety at Hogarth Roundabout are being proposed.

We have aimed to meet the needs of all road users through this consultation process as we work to create a safer, greener London for everyone.

### **TfL and Hounslow Council set out plans to extend Cycleway 9**

TfL has invited people to have their say on new plans to make it easier and safer for people to walk and cycle in and around Brentford. In collaboration with Hounslow Council, the plans would see

the creation of a new, high quality, protected cycleway, to connect communities and cut road danger. This scheme builds on the success of Cycleway 9, which has seen increased numbers of people cycling in the area.

The proposal is part of a longer-term plan to connect the town centres of Brentford and Hounslow, to enable safer and more sustainable travel around the area. TfL analysis shows that west London is an area of high demand for active travel, where people want to be able to walk and cycle more often.

By creating high-quality protected cycle lanes and enhancing pedestrian crossings, we are not only reducing road danger but also connecting communities to local amenities and public transport. I encourage everyone to help us to shape a safer, greener, and more sustainable future for Hounslow

### **TfL's popular 'Mind the Gap' podcast series celebrates inspiration for the new names for the London Overground network**

TfL has launched a new series of 'Mind the Gap' podcasts celebrating those who inspired the new names of the London Overground lines, as part of a series of activities this year to promote this historic change to the transport network.

This autumn, for the first time, each of the six London Overground lines will be represented by a new name and line colour to make it easier for customers to navigate London's transport network, while also celebrating the city's diverse culture and history. This significant change, which will include a major update to London's world-famous Tube map, was announced in February 2024 following engagement with customers, local communities, historians and industry experts.

The Mind the Gap – London Overground podcast series celebrates this change and follows on from the success of the 160-year anniversary of London Underground series last year. It is once again hosted by railway historian and broadcaster, Tim Dunn, also known for presenting 'Secrets of the London Underground' on UKTV's Yesterday channel. The series will consist of six podcasts dedicated to each London Overground line, delving into the meaning and importance behind each of the new names. The series starts with Mildmay, which runs between Richmond and Clapham Junction to Stratford.

In the first episode, Tim Dunn visits three people who have a special relationship with Mildmay Hospital in east London. The second episode, released at the end of July, includes Tim speaking with Lionesses Chloe Kelly and Leah Williamson, about the legacy of the historic Euro 2022 final win and the importance of the Lioness line.

### **Weave your way into TfL history by contributing to a new London Overground tapestry for the Weaver line**

To celebrate the new name and colour for the London Overground line that will become the Weaver line this autumn, TfL has invited Londoners to take part in a free community weaving event in collaboration with Chingford Community Hub and Cockpit to create a Weaver line roundel for one of the stations along the route.

On Sunday 8 September, 30 Londoners will join two free weaving sessions to help create a woven textile of the Weaver line roundel that will be displayed in one of the stations along the London Overground Weaver line for millions of people to see.

The London Overground line between Liverpool Street, Cheshunt, Enfield Town and Chingford will be named the Weaver line this autumn to celebrate the rich history of tapestry, art and design from the areas which the line runs through.

Naming the London Overground lines will make it easier to navigate the network while honouring and celebrating London's unique local history and culture.

### **Part closures on the A40 to enable vital safety and maintenance work to take place**

TfL is responsible for the safe operation and maintenance of London's network of red routes, including the A40 Westway — one of London's busiest roads, carrying around 90,000 vehicles a day. The structures which carry the Wood Lane flyover to the Marylebone flyover date back to 1969 and are reaching the end of their serviceable life, meaning that they require safety critical maintenance to ensure they remain safe and can continue to serve Londoners for decades to come.

Since Sunday 21 July, TfL has been replacing four joints which provide support to slip roads to the A40, as part of an ongoing programme of improvement work to the road network in the area. Road closures have been essential for this work to take place and have been timed to minimise disruption as much as possible, with the most impactful works undertaken during the summer holiday period, when traffic flows on red routes are up to seven per cent lower, with 20 per cent less traffic in central London.

I'm determined to ensure a safe and well-maintained road network can play a full role in enabling Londoners to travel across the capital. I recognise that these closures will have a significant impact on people travelling in the area and TfL is working hard to minimise disruption as much as possible, including by rescheduling other work and reviewing traffic signals. I'd like to thank people for their patience and would encourage everyone to plan ahead for any journeys in the area.

### **World-renowned artist Yayoi Kusama's largest permanent public sculpture is unveiled in London**

TfL, British Land and City of London Corporation have unveiled a monumental new sculpture by internationally acclaimed artist Yayoi Kusama at Britain's busiest station, London Liverpool Street. *Infinite Accumulation* is the artist's first permanent public artwork in the UK and her largest ever public sculpture in the world.

Yayoi Kusama is best known for her use of massed, repeated polka dots, which first emerged in her work in the 1960s and have become one of her signature motifs.

For this monumental site-specific work, Kusama has expanded the polka dot into linked forms which interact with and define the public spaces outside the new Elizabeth line entrance to Liverpool Street station. These dynamic serpentine arches were created intuitively by Kusama, hand-twisting the wires on the original models for the artwork.

*Infinite Accumulation* reaches over 10 meters high and 12 meters wide and covers an area of approximately 100 meters in length. Its gleaming silver spheres soar above the ground and are highly polished to reflect everything around them. This dynamic, highly reflective architectural form, mirroring the viewer and the world around it, means *Infinite Accumulation* responds to both individual and collective experience within the changing spaces of the urban landscape of London.

The arts are a vital part of London's success, helping transform our spaces and connect our communities as we build a better London for all.

## **Leading British artist Joy Gregory launches new artwork at Heathrow Underground station**

An expansive new artwork by leading British artist and photographer, Joy Gregory has launched at Heathrow Terminal 4 Underground station, transforming the ticket hall as part of TfL's Art on the Underground programme.

Renowned for her influence on British feminist photography and social justice movements since the 1980s, Joy Gregory uses photographic media to reilluminate overlooked narratives around identity, race, gender and social history, which underscore contemporary society.

*A Taste of Home* expands on Gregory's interest in themes of migration, memory and plant knowledge and offers a space for the stories of newly arrived Londoners, displaced people whose realities are increasingly maligned and misrepresented, and explores how people carry a sense of home with them in the plants and food they cook, share and remember.

The artwork is installed on a series of 24 billboards in the Piccadilly line ticket hall rotunda of Heathrow Terminal 4 station.

## **TfL partners with the Old Royal Naval College to offer discounted entry**

TfL has joined forces with the Old Royal Naval College in Greenwich to offer its customers a 30 per cent discount. When booked online, adult entry is reduced to just £11.55 when customers show a TfL journey on the day of their visit via the TfL Oyster and Contactless app.

The Old Royal Naval College was designed by esteemed architect Sir Christopher Wren and is set within a riverside estate. It boasts 600 years of rich history, from Tudor Palace to becoming the iconic centrepiece of Maritime Greenwich.

This offer is available for up to four adults when they book in advance by visiting TfL's London blog. At least one person from each party must show proof of travel for the same day via the TfL Oyster and Contactless app to receive the offer, which must be downloaded and logged into in advance. Children 16 and under go free.

The discount is available until 17 November 2024.

## **TfL gets into Carnival spirit to celebrate Caribbean culture and heritage at Notting Hill Carnival**

TfL joined up with partners Windrush Generation Legacy Association (WGLA) to appear in Mas band Masology's float at this year's Notting Hill Carnival. The theme for the float was Return to the Motherland, celebrating Caribbean culture and heritage. The Masology float joined a bus featuring Carnival-inspired designs from Go Ahead London, which operates buses in the area on behalf of TfL, in the main parade, with TfL staff taking part in the celebrations on both the float and the bus.

TfL also teamed up with Anthony Nolan, the stem cell transplant charity which has been saving lives for 50 years, supporting them through the sale of themed pin badges to staff with all proceeds from Notting Hill Carnival 2024 pin badge sales going to the charity.

## Environment

### **Speech at the Green Renewal Summit - plenary session**

On 26 July, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, spoke on a panel at the LCEF Green Renewal Summit at the TUC where he shared my ambition for growing the green economy, cleaning our waterways and ambitious action with the new government to decarbonise our electricity and retrofit our homes.

### **Retrofit spending Warmer Homes (Home Upgrade Grant 2)**

On 30 July, the first Londoner received home improvements under the Home Upgrade Grant 2 funding. The customer received a 3.2kW solar photovoltaic system, expected to save them up to £550 per year. Several further installations have taken place in homes across London since then, helping to meet my objective to provide funded energy efficiency measures to eligible Londoners in 160 London homes.

### **Visit to the Hornsey Recycling Centre (LB Islington)**

On 2 August, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, visited Hornsey Street Waste and Recycling Centre in Islington to witness the work being undertaken to decarbonise their operations and achieve net zero. The visit included a visual presentation of 850 solar panels installed on the roof, and the on-site vehicle charging points, which have enabled Islington Council to electrify their vehicle fleet. This work, supported by my £5.7m Good Growth Fund, highlights how boroughs can tackle the climate emergency.

### **Visit to Westbury Banks Nature Reserve, West Green LTN filter (Westbury Avenue), Noel Park Primary School Street, and Gladstone Park (LB Haringey)**

On 2 August, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, visited urban greening projects in Haringey that have been funded by the GLA. Haringey Council Leader Peray Ahmet and Councillor Mike Hakata, Cabinet Member for Climate Action, Environment, and Transport, as well as members of GrowN22 (a community-based gardening organisation), led a tour of sites. The projects showcased how councils and communities can work together to improve neighbourhoods' biodiversity and air quality.

### **Visit to Sustainable Ventures**

On 8 August, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, visited [Sustainable Ventures](#), Europe's largest climate tech business cluster. He met several cleantech business leaders whose innovations are creating positive environmental impacts in London and beyond. Sustainable Ventures is one of the delivery partners on my [Better Futures programme](#).

### **Visit to Hainault Forest (LB Redbridge)**

On 9 August, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, visited [Hainault Forest](#), to meet members from London Borough of Redbridge and learn about the important role of urban woodlands to support communities and the climate and ecological emergencies. He met with Cllr Kam Rai (Leader of the Council) and Cllr Jo Blackman (Cabinet Member for Environment and Sustainability), Bridget Fox, Jenny Scholfield and George Lewis from the Woodland Trust, and Christian Gibson from Vision RCL. The improvement and extension of Hainault Forest has been supported through my [Good Growth Fund](#) and [Greener City Fund](#).

## **Meeting with Mayor Tim Kelly (Chattanooga), National Park City and LB Newham council leaders**

On 13 August, my Deputy Mayor for Environment & Energy, Mete Coban, met with Mayor Tim Kelly of Chattanooga, London National Park City (NPC) Trustee, Jo Dimitri and Chief Executive, Mark Cridge to discuss the NPC's work to connect Londoners with nature. They were joined by Newham Mayor, Rokhsana Fiaz, James Asser MP, Assembly Member Unmesh Desai, Newham Councillors and staff, and NPC rangers on a visit to Beckton Park Meadows, funded by my Rewild London Fund. The visit showcased the ways in which the GLA is working with local authorities and partners to make London greener and wilder.

## **Visit to Barnet (LB Barnet)**

On 16 August, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, met with Barnet Cllr Allan Schneiderman (Environment Portfolio Holder) and senior officers. My Green Finance Fund, the Zero Carbon Accelerators programme and Mayoral Energy Efficiency Fund have helped Barnet make significant progress in their decarbonisation journey. My Deputy Mayor discussed Barnet's future ambitions and how the GLA could strengthen its partnerships with the boroughs to make London a zero car

## **Fire**

### **Twickenham Fire Station Visit**

On 8 July, my Deputy Mayor for the Fire Service, Jules Pipe, visited Twickenham Fire Station as part of a media visit to raise awareness of LFB's water safety campaign. The Deputy Mayor observed a demonstration of water rescue equipment as well as an LFB water safety education session which delivers vital advice to young people.

### **LFB Staff Awards**

On 18 July, my Deputy Mayor for the Fire Service, Jules Pipe, attended the LFB Staff Awards and presented the Service Award to the Wimbledon Fire Station Red Watch.

### **Deputy Mayor's Fire Board**

On 23 July, my Deputy Mayor for the Fire Service, Jules Pipe, chaired a regular meeting of his Deputy Mayor's Fire Board.

### **LFB Fire Boat visit**

On 6 August, my Deputy Mayor for the Fire Service, Jules Pipe, visited one of London Fire Brigade's fire boats.

### **Deputy Mayor's Fire Board**

On 27 August, my Deputy Mayor for the Fire Service, Jules Pipe, chaired a regular meeting of his Deputy Mayor's Fire Board.

## **Meeting with Fire Brigade Union London Regional Executive**

On 28 August, my Deputy Mayor for the Fire Service, Jules Pipe, met with representatives of Fire Brigades Union (FBU) London Regional Executive to discuss upcoming issues and priorities, including the publication of the Grenfell Tower Inquiry Phase 2 report.

## **Meeting with Assembly Member Keith Prince**

On 28 August, my Deputy Mayor for the Fire Service, Jules Pipe, met with Keith Prince AM to discuss the ongoing fires at Launders Lane.

## **Dagenham Fire**

On 26 August a fire occurred on Freshwater Road in Dagenham. A major incident was declared by LFB and roughly 40 fire appliances and 225 firefighters tackled the fire.

On 27 August, my Deputy Mayor for the Fire Service Jules Pipe, joined the Deputy Prime Minister, Angela Rayner, and the Building Safety Minister, Rushanara Ali, on a visit to the site of the fire to thank crews for their professionalism and bravery, in the most challenging of circumstances. Jules Pipe, Angela Rayner and Rushanara Ali also visited a nearby rest centre, where support was provided to affected residents.

On 28 August, my Deputy Mayor for the Fire Service joined a roundtable convened by the Deputy Prime Minister. Participants discussed the remediation of buildings with unsafe cladding and what more can be done to improve building safety in the short and long term.

# **Resilience**

## **Oversight Committee**

On 11 July, my Chief of Staff and Chair of the London Resilience Forum attended the Oversight Committee to discuss changes to the GLA's resilience arrangements and priorities for the year ahead.

## **Director of the London Resilience Unit (LRU)**

On 15 July, the GLA welcomed a new Director, Katherine Richardson, to lead the new London Resilience Unit (LRU). Bringing together the former London Resilience Group and City Operations teams, she will deliver a strategic approach to resilience. Katherine joins us from MHCLG's Resilience and Emergencies Division, where she led the department's response to many incidents ranging from the Manchester Arena bombing to the Grenfell Tower fire and Salisbury Novichok attack.

## **London Resilience Units multi-agency coordination**

In August, the London Resilience Unit (LRU) led the pan-London multi-agency coordination in response to the rioting that disrupted a number of towns and cities. Whilst significant disorder did not take place in London, it was crucial that partners such as the blue lights, community and faith partners, and other key organisations came together to share situational awareness, provide confidence in London's preparedness, and reassure communities. A Strategic Coordinating Group (SCG) was activated in London with the LRU playing a key role in the coordination of this group.



## Growth and Skills

### **Multiply Roadshow**

On 8 July I relaunched my London Multiply Roadshow, following 16 successful events at the start of 2024. This phase will see a further 22 free events run until mid-September, delivered in partnership with community organisations and adult learning providers, and a campaign to raise awareness of free adult learning opportunities, including my London Multiply programme. The Roadshow will help Londoners build their confidence with numbers, reduce barriers to numeracy learning and connect them with local learning opportunities.

### **Formula E Careers event**

On 11 July, my Deputy Mayor for Business and Growth, Howard Dawber spoke at an Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA) and Formula E Girls on Track event at City Hall. The event is supported by our Local London Careers Hub and 110 young women attended the event. A panel of inspirational women from the world of motorsports talked about their career journeys, sustainability in the world of racing and the range of career opportunities open to students both on and off the track.

The event also launched a kit car project, in which three schools and colleges will be designing, building and racing their own kit car. This partnership between GLA, Greenpower, Local London, CGI and Formula E aims to develop an understanding of green skills and help to build the soft skills needed for the workplace.

### **Skills Bootcamp Wave 5**

In August, the selection process for my Skills Bootcamps for Londoners Wave 5 (2024-25) programme concluded. In partnership with the Department for Education, up to £22.5m will be invested in providing Londoners with access to intensive Level 3 to 5 equivalent flexible training courses up to 16 weeks in length, with a guaranteed job interview (in the case of learners seeking a new job). We have also used this funding to leverage an additional £383k of employer investment into the programme.

Following this selection process, 45 providers will deliver over 100 Bootcamps, with each Bootcamp addressing employers' specific needs in 11 priority sectors for London. Together, these Bootcamps will offer up to 7000 learning places for Londoners aged 19+, providing individuals with wider access to opportunities to retrain, update or formalise their skills or acquire specialist skills. All spaces will be free of charge to the learners.

## Housing

### **Business support for a City Hall Developer**

On Wednesday 10 July, my Deputy Mayor for Housing & Residential Development, Tom Copley, spoke at the launch of a BusinessLDN report on a City Hall Developer. The report, which was attended by a number of industry figures, made clear the huge potential for my plans for a City Hall Developer, and the backing it has from business groups in London. The City Hall Developer is being progressed following a report by the late Lord Bob Kerslake into GLA Group housing delivery.

### **Landmark event for major east London housing development**

On Friday 19 July, my Deputy Mayor for Housing & Residential Development, Tom Copley, attended a celebration event to mark progress on the landmark TwelveTrees Park development in Newham. The 4-phase development will deliver at minimum:

- 1,482 private sale homes, 984 private rental homes, and 1,344 affordable homes
- 13,811 sqm commercial space, which will form a new commercial centre by West Ham station
- Four bridges and a new station entrance
- A 1,000 pupil secondary science school

The development sits on land formerly owned by GLA Land and Property and has been given significant backing through my Affordable Homes Programme.

### **GLA roundtable about Section 106 affordable housing challenges**

On 25 July, my officers convened a roundtable at City Hall to better understand the challenges currently reported in the section 106 affordable housing market in London and to discuss potential solutions. The roundtable brought together leaders from London councils, community groups, developers, housing associations and industry organisations.

My officers are aware that the section 106 affordable housing market is challenging, both in London and the rest of England. The problem appears to be caused by the combination of financial constraints on registered providers and concerns around the quality and affordability of homes built by developers.

In recent months, my team has taken steps to support the sector to overcome issues in the section 106 affordable housing market and to sustain housebuilding more broadly. This includes launching a 'kickstart' package of measures, including to convert market-rate homes into affordable homes on stalled development sites, and a new Accelerated Funding Route. Both measures will support purchases of section 106 homes from social housing providers. More recently, I have welcomed new flexibilities agreed by central government in the use of councils' Right to Buy receipts, which will make more funding available to councils for the acquisition of section 106 homes.

I will continue to engage with the sector on what further support is needed and work alongside the new national Government to continue our vital work to build a better London for everyone.

# The Economy, Business and Enterprise

## **Bloomberg Post-Election Briefing Reception and Fireside**

On 5 July, I participated in a fireside chat on the priorities for London, with Constantin Cotzias, Bloomberg LP's European Director. The audience was comprised of senior business leaders and investors who were keen to understand the new political landscape and its ramifications for business and the economy.

## **Business engagement during visit to Paris**

During my visit to Paris on 26 and 27 July, I hosted a lunch for key international companies and partners, to promote London as the best city in which to invest and do business. I met with Gwendoline Cazenove, CEO of Eurostar, to discuss the company's vital role in connecting London and the UK to France and wider Europe, and in the climate-tech supercluster between London, Paris, Amsterdam, and Belgium. My Deputy Mayor for Business and Growth, Howard Dawber, held meetings with companies looking to establish or expand their London presence, as well as UK company OnePlan, a partner for the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

## **London Growth Plan**

On 1 August, my Deputy Mayor for Business and Growth, Howard Dawber, and Mayor of Croydon, Jason Perry, co-hosted an online briefing on the London Growth Plan. Howard and Jason shared the objectives and emerging priorities of the London Growth Plan and responded to participants' questions and ideas.

## **Supporting Business**

On 10 July, my Deputy Mayor for Business and Growth, Howard Dawber, visited Oxford Street and surrounding areas alongside Dee Corsi, Chief Executive of the New West End Company (NWECC). The visit included Grosvenor Property's South Molton development, Selfridges, John Lewis and Boom Battle Bar, and covered issues such as retail crime and tax-free shopping.

On 12 July, my Deputy Mayor for Business and Growth, Howard Dawber, visited the Mary Ward Centre in Stratford, one of Grow London Local's skills providers funded by the Mayor's Adult Education Budget (AEB), and met with local businesses leaders at the Grow London Local Friday Coffee Morning. He then visited Market Village in Stratford joined by Rokhsana Fiaz, Mayor of Newham, and met with market traders and talked about how the Grow London Local offer could support them.

On 16 July, my Deputy Mayor for Business and Growth, Howard Dawber, met with Steven Medway, CEO, Knightsbridge Partnership BID and local businesses including Harrods, YDF Interiors and the Paradox Museum. Howard discussed priorities around the London Growth Plan and businesses shared their priorities for the area including reinstating tax-free shopping, improving safety and the importance of a tourism strategy for London.

On 24 July, my Deputy Mayor for Business and Growth, Howard Dawber, visited Brent Cross Town and met with executives from Knight Frank and Related Argent. They discussed Related Argent's plans for Brent Cross Town which aims to deliver 6700 new homes and 280,000 metre square of office space.

On 25 July, my Deputy Mayor for Business and Growth, Howard Dawber, participated in a breakfast event, hosted by FTI Consulting with business in the energy and tech sectors. Howard discussed the London Growth Plan, and the role energy will play in London's growth.

On 1 August, my Deputy Mayor for Business and Growth, Howard Dawber, met with the Soho Business Alliance and representatives from Soho's business community to discuss key issues for Soho's businesses and as a visitor destination. Howard highlighted the importance of Soho to London's economy and to ensuring that London has a vibrant leisure and night life offer.

On 6 August, my Deputy Mayor for Business and Growth, Howard Dawber, gave remarks to delegates of an International Employee Ownership Symposium. Addressing policy-makers from all over the world - including representatives of 11 governments - he celebrated some outstanding employee-owned companies already based in London, and the contributions and benefits of alternative forms of business ownership.

On 7 August, my Deputy Mayor for Business and Growth, Howard Dawber, met with the new CEO of London City Airport (LCY), Alison Fitzgerald and discussed LCY's plans to grow their passenger capacity and their priorities for the future.

On 7 August, my Deputy Mayor for Business and Growth, Howard Dawber, met with the new CEO of Battersea Power Station Development Company (BPSDC), Donagh O'Sullivan, Donagh provided an update on BPSDC ongoing work in the area and an update on the jobs, growth and visitors to the area.

On 12 August, my Deputy Mayor for Business and Growth, Howard Dawber, met with Matt Hawkins, CEO of Knight Dragon and visited the Greenwich Peninsula to hear an update on the work being done and discussed the delivery of thousands of new homes, new office space, workspaces for manufacturing and design and new green space for London.

On 13 August, my Deputy Mayor for Business and Growth, Howard Dawber, attended a meeting of the London Cancer Hub's Strategic Partnership Group and reiterated my support for the Hub as a key outer London economic cluster and an important place in global efforts to beat cancer. He then visited Sutton town centre including Oru Space, a former department store which, supported by Good Growth Funding, now offers co-working and private office space, events spaces, a wellness centre, cafe, and rooftop bar with more to come.

## **Promoting London**

On 16 July, my Deputy Mayor for Business and Growth, Howard Dawber, joined a welcome to London roundtable dinner for senior representatives from foreign direct investment clients supported by London & Partners that have recently set up in London.

On 17 July, my Deputy Mayor for Business and Growth, Howard Dawber, met with Anthony Albanese, Managing Partner and Chief Operating Officer, and Brian Quintenz, Global Head of Policy of a16z to discuss a16z's commitment in London to the tech ecosystem and opportunities for collaboration.

On 18 July, my Deputy Mayor for Business and Growth, Howard Dawber, gave congratulatory remarks to the Prosemino team for their continued investment in London at the launch of their new office and lab facilities in East London. Addressing innovators, investors and industry experts, Howard highlighted the importance of climate tech companies like Prosemino in addressing climate change and supporting my Net Zero ambitions.

On 18 July, my Deputy Mayor for Business and Growth, Howard Dawber, participated in a roundtable session, co-hosted by Peter Campbell and Andrew Nash, with members of the Business Services Association. Howard shared my priorities for business and growth during this Mayoral term and heard the opportunities and challenges of London based service and infrastructure providers.

On 21 July, my Deputy Mayor for Business and Growth, Howard Dawber, attended a pre-Farnborough International Air Show welcome reception, hosted by Washington State Lieutenant Governor Denny Heck, and met with companies and government officials from Washington State, USA.

On 23 July, my Deputy Mayor for Business and Growth, Howard Dawber welcomed Lieutenant Governor of Michigan Galin Gilchrist and his delegation to visit London. Howard highlighted London's position as a global leader in the tech revolution.

On 29 July, my Deputy Mayor for Business and Growth, Howard Dawber, met with Charlotte Crosswell, Chair of CFIT to discuss CFIT's priority areas on advancing financial innovation, inward investment opportunities around the fintech sector and emerging new technologies.

On 1 August, my Deputy Mayor for Business and Growth, Howard Dawber, participated in a roundtable session facilitated by EY & BusinessLDN with c-suite business stakeholders, focused on London as a place to invest.

On 8 August, my Deputy Mayor for Business and Growth, Howard Dawber, and representatives from GLA, London & Partners and Opportunity London met the Thames Freeport CEO and Board Chairperson. The meeting discussed opportunities for broader partnerships with the public and knowledge sectors, addressing infrastructure constraints and investment in surrounding neighborhoods and places.

On 14 August, my Deputy Mayor for Business and Growth, Howard Dawber, met with British Land CEO Simon Carter and toured the company's Regent's Place campus in London's Knowledge Quarter. They discussed British Land's ambitions to create London's leading science and technology campus, and ways in which the company can support the growth of these sectors in the capital. They also visited Impact Hub, a collaboration with Knowledge Quarter and British Land, which provides affordable workspace and events space for start ups.

## **Communities and Social Policy**

### **Communities and Social Policy 'I am Who I am Now' exhibition**

In honour of South Asian Heritage Month, my Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, Dr Debbie Weekes-Bernard, attended the 'I am Who I am Now' exhibition. The archive offers a unique insight into the everyday life of the Bengali East End of London as well as documenting the community's working lives, activism, and anti-racist struggles.

### **Al Manaar Mosque and Muslim Cultural Heritage Centre Visit**

On 8 August, my Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, Dr Debbie Weekes-Bernard, stood in solidarity with London's Muslim communities at an interfaith event hosted by Al Manaar Mosque and Muslim Cultural Heritage Centre. She spoke about the lasting impact of the recent Islamophobic, anti-migrant and racist riots and our commitment to working as one to make London a fairer city for all and unite against all forms of hate.

This visit was just one of several pieces of responsive work mobilised quickly by the Deputy Mayor amidst far-right extremist violence. With support from multiple teams within the Communities and Skills Directorate, Dr Weekes-Bernard also sent reassurance messages to over 240 organisations working across London. These emails included a list of resources for Muslim and migrant-led community organisations working diligently to keep all Londoners safe.

### **Community meetings**

On 15 August, my Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, Dr Debbie Weekes-Bernard met with Muslim organisations and community leaders to discuss the impact of the far-right extremist riots and to hear about the brilliant work they have been doing to provide support and reassurance to their community. Following on from this, on Tuesday 20 August Dr Debbie Weekes-Bernard further met with race equality and migrant right sector organisations to continue the dialogue. It was important to discuss how we can work together to tackle Islamophobia, racism and anti-migrant hate and bring communities together.

### **Workforce Integration Network**

My Workforce Integration Network has commissioned research to explore the career aspirations of Bangladeshi and Pakistani women in London and the barriers they face in accessing good work. This new research supports my commitment to make London a city where the barriers of class, race and gender are broken down, supporting all Londoners to thrive.

In July, our delivery partners, the National Institute of Economic and Social Research (NIESR), recruited and trained a team of women community researchers from the Bangladeshi and Pakistani communities to conduct this important research. The findings will enable us to work with employers and to develop policies and practices grounded in women's lived experiences.

## **Children and Young Londoners**

As the school holidays began in July, many children and young Londoners had the opportunity to enjoy the city's diverse activities. However, the absence of school structure also left some vulnerable to exploitation and violence.

I was committed to keeping our young people safe by investing in a wide range of positive activities across the capital. Through my Violence Reduction Unit (VRU), we allocated £2 million towards targeted interventions, including arts and sports programmes, youth work, skills development, and online safety training. These initiatives aimed to divert young people from violence, improve mental well-being, and boost employment prospects.

My VRU partnered with Local Village Network (LVN), a grassroots organisation that provided a free app and website with over 2,500 activities and opportunities for young people. The Summer Innovation Fund was expanded, supporting community groups in delivering sports, music, and arts sessions. We also extended funding to some Pupil Referral Units, ensuring they could continue supporting young people throughout the summer. Our MyEnds programme hosted a range of activities, including football, mentoring, internships, and cultural events across 11 consortiums.

This effort was part of our broader commitment to prevention and early intervention, helping to keep young people safe and connected to positive opportunities during the summer months.

## **Shining Stars pan-London awards ceremony for care experienced young people**

My Deputy Mayor, Joanne McCartney, attended the second annual Shining Stars Awards Ceremony on 22 July to celebrate the educational achievements of care-experienced young people from every borough in London. The event was a fantastic opportunity for Joanne to thank the network of Virtual School Head Teachers supporting children in care, as well as a chance to meet with the inspirational young Londoners winning awards.

This event showcased what can be achieved when young Londoners from any background are given the opportunity to thrive. The Deputy Mayor and I will continue to work to ensure London is the best city in the world for care-experienced young people to grow up in and achieve their dreams.

## **Culture**

### **Our London, Our Spaces podcast**

On 10 July, the first episode of 'Our London, Our Spaces' was released, a six-part podcast series commissioned by my Commission for Diversity in the Public Realm. The series explores the statues, plaques and memorials in London's public spaces and features voices from those uncovering hidden histories and young Londoners sharing their views. The podcast examines who gets to decide who is remembered and how, the way our public spaces contribute to shape our identity and sense of belonging, and what makes places accessible and inclusive.

### **Croydon London Borough of Culture 2023**

On 12 July, Croydon celebrated its success as my London Borough of Culture 2023 with an event at City Hall and publication of a report setting out how the programme had significantly impacted the community attracting over £4.35m of investment into the borough. *This is Croydon* reached audiences of over 650,000 (360,631 in person and 291,367 online – total 651,728). It involved more than 2750 creative partners, recruited 1071 volunteers, provided 16,275 development employment and leadership opportunities for young people, and engaged with 120 schools. Looking ahead, over £2m of additional funding is being invested to support a strong and sustainable legacy from the year.

### **ACME Studios launch**

On 12 July, my Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries, Justine Simons OBE, launched a new community space at ACME Studios Propeller Factory – based in my 'Shapes Lewisham' Creative Enterprise Zone. The new space aims to serve the local community and artists, which is part of the first phase of a fundraising campaign for ACME Studios to purchase Propeller Factory. The site is the largest remaining long-term artist studio building of its kind in London.

### **Radio Underground**

On 15 July, my Culture and Community Spaces at Risk programme partnered with Transport for London's Art on the Underground team to launch a new sound installation on the London Underground. The 10-minute audio commission, 'Radio Underground' by artist Joe Namy, was developed in conversation with three organisations supported by the programme: Sister Midnight, a cooperative community radio station in south London; Colour Factory, a live music venue and nightclub in Hackney; and PalMusic UK, a music education charity supporting young Palestinian

musicians and celebrating Palestinian music. The audio artwork played through the station speakers at Waterloo from 15-26 July.

### **Business Friendly Licensing Workshop**

My 24 Hour London Team hosted a workshop showcasing the results of my Business Friendly Licensing Programme projects I have funded in Hackney, Merton and Westminster. These projects have already made a huge difference to businesses in their areas and I hope that other boroughs will take inspiration and implement similar methods in their own areas.

## **Civil Society and Sport**

### **Young Londoners Participatory Research**

On 12 and 18 July, my Youth team in the Civil Society and Sport Unit delivered two 'Young Changemakers Forum' research events in partnership with London Metropolitan University. The events took place at London Metropolitan University's Holloway campus and Haverstock School. Over 80 Young Londoners took part in group discussions and interactive activities addressing the overarching question: "How can we improve youth voice and youth social action?" Research gathered from the event will inform my youth systems map, identifying the barriers and facilitators to engaging in youth social action, what change young Londoners would like to see in their communities and what strategies could bring about a change.

### **Inaugural Go! London Forum**

On 23 July, my Civil Society and Sport Unit hosted the inaugural Go! London Forum at Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, bringing together over 250 participants, including community organisations and young Londoners aged 12-24. My Deputy Mayor for Business, Howard Dawber, who served as a judge for the first cohort of Young Entrepreneurs, and my Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, Dr. Debbie Weekes-Bernard were also in attendance. This event provided Londoners with an opportunity to connect across boroughs and learn new skills. Attendees engaged in workshops, networking, and sports activities with industry professionals and brands including the NBA, NFL, and the Sweaty Betty Foundation. The event also featured the first cohort of Go! London Young Entrepreneurs, who showcased their businesses and led sessions to boost their visibility.

Go! London is the city's largest community sport fund. It is a £19.5 million partnership with the London Marathon Foundation and Sport England with strategic support from London Marathon Events and London Sport, focused on reducing barriers to physical activity for children and young people while addressing social and economic inequalities.

### **Team GB King's Cross Fanzone**

From 26 July to 11 August, as part of the London 2012 Olympic legacy, my Team London volunteers were deployed at the Team GB Fanzone at King's Cross for the duration of the Paris 2024 Games. Over 280 volunteers took part in this event, attending a total of 648 shifts. My volunteers provided information to visitors, wayfinding support, and assisted athletes as they arrived at St Pancras International station. They also handed out over 3,000 Union Flags, helping to create an amazing atmosphere within the Fanzone when Team GB athletes were competing.



## **Team London Ambassador programme**

From 8 August to 26 August, my Visitor Welcome programme commenced across 13 delivery days. Since the summer of 2012, my Team London Ambassadors have played an important role welcoming visitors and tourists to the capital. This inclusive programme offers a great opportunity for all Londoners to participate in supporting and promoting their city. This year, 330 volunteers took part in 735 shifts. My Team London Ambassadors have been supporting at five key tourist hotspots across London: Parliament Square, Piccadilly, Greenwich, Exhibition Road and St James Park. My Ambassadors interacted with over 20,000 Londoners and visitors, supporting them to engage with some of the incredible events hosted at each location and providing wayfinding support during the busy summer in London.

## **Health**

### **Six Tests: Children's Cancer Services in South London**

As part of my commitment to champion, challenge and collaborate with the NHS on behalf of all Londoners, I have developed six tests for all major changes to NHS services in London.

On 31 July I wrote to the NHS to set out my position on proposed changes to children's cancer services in South London. This was informed by an independent review of the proposals that I commissioned from the Strategy Unit.

My letter called for the NHS to set clear plans and targets for how the changes will reduce health inequalities. I also recommended ongoing engagement with patients and families that ensures that their voices shape how the proposals are developed and implemented.

### **Presentation to London Association of Directors of Public Health Meeting**

On 16 August my Walking & Cycling Commissioner, Will Norman, attended the London Association of Directors of Public Health (ADPH London) meeting and spoke to the Directors of Public Health about the role of active travel to increase physical activity levels within boroughs.

During the meeting, Will highlighted the key target in my Transport Strategy and in the London Health Inequalities Strategy for all Londoners to achieve 20 minutes of active travel a day. This sits alongside my target for 80% of journeys to be done by sustainable modes. He also reiterated that Vision Zero, London's goal to eliminate all deaths and serious injuries from London's transport network by 2041, plays an important role in increasing active travel.

Supported by the GLA Group Public Health Unit, Will highlighted that active travel, which includes using public transport, is an equitable and feasible way to increase Londoners' physical activity levels.

I was encouraged to hear that the group discussed how Directors of Public Health can work closely with their local transport colleagues to support the delivery of my Transport Strategy on borough roads, including achieving Vision Zero.

# Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation (OPDC)

## Planning approvals

On 25 July, OPDC's Planning Committee resolved to grant planning permission for 5-7 Park Royal Road. The development will comprise student accommodation with 888 bed spaces, 32 affordable homes, light industrial use and flexible commercial space.

On 17 July, planning permission was issued for an innovative mixed-use building comprising a food hall and commercial units at ground floor and commercial kitchens and ancillary space at 2 Portal Way, North Acton.

## Old Oak, public engagement

On 22 August OPDC held the first event in a programme of engagement to update the local community on the emerging spatial principles for Old Oak, a new canalside district of 9,000 homes, 2.5 million sq ft of commercial and employment space, shops, services and community facilities, along with 25 acres of public realm and green open space and 1km of canal enhancements.

The spatial principles focus on the placemaking of distinct characters of neighbourhoods, parks and open spaces and streets within Old Oak. The work will underpin the development of an Old Oak illustrative masterplan.

## Old Oak, land assembly

On 5 July, OPDC acquired the site of Kildun Court on Old Oak Common Lane.

Kildun Court is the latest of nine sites acquired by OPDC since March 2023, purchased using the GLA Land Fund Facility, Loan Fund and MHCLG's Brownfield Infrastructure Land (BIL) Funding.

These sites are key to unlocking many thousands of affordable homes, creating jobs, and providing local amenities, services, and public parks, as part of OPDC's wider regeneration plans for Old Oak.

## District Heat Network

On 31 July, OPDC concluded conversations with shortlisted bidders to deliver OPDC's plans for a district heat network. Bidders will now submit a final tender for full evaluation and scoring in the autumn.

The heat network will provide low-cost, low-carbon energy using surplus heat from local datacentres to heat over 10,000 homes, businesses, and services in Old Oak. The first homes are expected to draw from the heating network as early as 2027.

# London Legacy Development Corporation

## London Stadium

Following the success of Major League Baseball, concerts from Foo Fighters and Burna Boy in June, London Stadium's incredible run of summer events continued with Monster Jam on 13 July and Wingfest on 28-30 July. In between those events was the London Athletics Meet, which attracted a crowd of 60,000 – the highest global attendance for a one-day athletics event this year. Held a week before the Olympics Games got underway in Paris, the event gave Team GB athletes the perfect send off.

## Creating Places that Work for Women and Girls

On 11 July, London Legacy Development Corporation (LLDC) launched its 'Creating Places that Work for Women and Girls' Handbook, developed in collaboration with Arup and my Deputy Mayor Jules Pipe delivered the keynote address.

The Handbook seeks to ensure that places are designed to be equitable for everyone, including women and girls. It offers practical steps that urban planners, developers, architects, and other stakeholders can take to ensure a gender-informed approach is applied in the planning, design and decision-making process, from the inception of any project through to delivery and long-term management.

LLDC is the first Local Planning Authority that has fully mainstreamed gender-informed design and planning processes, and the first organisation in the UK to publish such guidelines.

## Green Flag Award

On 17 July, LLDC announced that Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park had been awarded the coveted Green Flag Award for the 11<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. This award is clear recognition of all those who work to maintain the Park to the highest possible standards.

The Park is a vital green space for communities in east London to socialise and enjoy nature, and I was pleased to see members of the community come together for the Park's first annual BioBlitz on 27 July. The event saw experts from leading conservation groups such as Buglife, Bumblebee Conservation and the RSPB join biologists and ecologists from UCL, idverde and Park Champions to lead guided walks around the Park, in order to collect vital biodiversity data.

## Stratford Station

Arup has been appointed to lead the next stage of design work for the planned redevelopment of Stratford Station, alongside Grimshaw, 5th Studio, BAM, Corderoy, make:good, and Kanda. The outcome of the latest stage of the project will be the delivery of a strategic outline business case and design for the station and its surrounding areas, with the work expected to be completed by late summer 2025.

## Go! London Forum

On 23 July, London Stadium and Copper Box Arena hosted the first Go! London Forum – my five-year, £19.5m partnership with London Marathon Foundation and Sport England.

The forum welcomed up to 400 attendees – half of whom were young people – for a day of learning. Venues across the Park, including the Stadium, Copper Box and London Marathon

Community Track, hosted sessions on networking, skills development, and engagement with leading sporting brands and leagues. In September, applications will open for a further £2m of funding for London community sports projects, as part of the £19.5m fund.

### **East Bank**

It was great to see the annual East Summer School return with a host of activities around the Park from 29 July to 2 August. The free summer programme, hosted by LLDC, East Bank and other local partners, offered local 12-17 year olds the opportunity to take part in workshops in areas such as fashion textiles, skateboarding, dance, entrepreneurship, photography, journalism and activism.

On 8 August, Sadler's Wells hosted the Hip Hop Games at Stratford Waterfront. Spectators watched eight dancers face off against each other, with BBC 1Xtra providing the soundtrack for the family-friendly event. The event aligned with breaking making seeing its Olympic debut in Paris, with Sadler's Wells also hosting Breaking Watch Parties on 9 and 10 August.

### **New Leadership Team**

Following the General Election, Lord Hendy of Richmond Hill was appointed Minister of State for Rail at the Department for Transport, leading him to immediately vacate his role as LLDC Chair. I'd like to pay tribute to Peter's tireless work during his 7 years as Chair.

On 13 August, a new LLDC leadership team was announced.

Shazia Hussain has been appointed as the new Chief Executive while I also announced my intention to appoint Suki Kalirai as the new Chair, subject to consideration by the London Assembly.

London 2012 is seen around the world as a blueprint for how to deliver regeneration and drive investment that benefits local residents. Getting the leadership right is vital and I'm pleased that Suki and Shazia will build on the work of Lyn Garner and Lord Peter Hendy.

As part of the evolution, LLDC and its leadership will no longer have the strategic responsibility for London Stadium through its subsidiary E20 Stadium LLP. From April 2025, this company will sit outside of LLDC and will be a subsidiary of GLA Holdings which is a wholly owned company of the GLA. I have announced my intention to appoint current LLDC Chief Executive, Lyn Garner, as Chair of the business. Lyn will work with the Stadium's Chief Executive Graham Gilmore as it continues to deliver world class events for the city.

### **UK Black Pride**

On 11 August, the Park hosted almost 13,000 people for UK Black Pride. This is a fantastic free event that celebrates African, Asian, Middle Eastern, Latin American and Caribbean-heritage LGBTQI+ people. UK Black Pride is a safe space to celebrate diverse sexualities, gender identities, cultures, gender expressions and backgrounds and I'm delighted that this year's event was another great success.

### **SHIFT**

During London Data Week (1-7 July 2024), SHIFT launched its Digital Frontiers report, in collaboration with Arup and University College London (UCL). The report outlines the transformative use of London's physical and data assets within the Park to drive innovation and act as London's testbed for addressing pressing urban challenges.

Following the release, SHIFT launched its third and final round of funding for the Future Industries Demonstrator Programme (FID). The £1.47m innovation programme supports London SMEs addressing the climate emergency, with the final open innovation challenge focusing on food systems.

## Planning and Regeneration

### Local Plans

On 8 July, GLA officers responded on my behalf to LB Barnet's Local Plan Main Modifications consultation. In that response, I raised concerns about a proposed modification related to the tall building development approach. The issue was not raised as a general conformity objection.

On 12 August, GLA officers responded on my behalf to LB Croydon's Local Plan Regulation 19 consultation. In that response I made it clear that it is my opinion that the draft Local Plan is in general conformity with the London Plan. I provided guidance to bring the emerging draft Plan into closer alignment with the London Plan and I also requested further clarity regarding the plans for the Purley Way Transformation Area.

On 20 August, GLA officers responded on my behalf to the City of London's Local Plan Regulation 19 consultation. In that response I made it clear that it is my opinion that the draft Local Plan is in general conformity with the London Plan. However, I raised a specific concern about the relationship between the proposed tall building development approach and the Tower of London World Heritage Site.

### London Plan Review/Planning for London Programme

Following the extensive round of engagement carried out last year as part of the Planning for London Programme, several engagement write-ups/summaries have now been published on the [Planning for London Engagement Portal](#). The events involved members of the public and key stakeholders and included:

- Building heights and tall buildings
- Class E and affordable workspace
- Inclusive design
- Industrial land
- Small sites
- Specialist housing
- London Plan – components of a spatial strategy
- Growth Corridor – Bakerloo Line Extension
- Growth Corridor – Elizabeth Line East
- Growth Corridor – Thames Estuary
- Growth Corridor West London Orbital
- Growth Corridor – Upper Lea Valley

## London Plan Guidance

In mid-July, GLA officers held four early engagement events with targeted stakeholders ahead of development of new London Plan Guidance on Accessibility, Equalities and Inclusion. These sessions included Londoners with lived experience, who face barriers because of their protected characteristics, and representatives from organisations and networks who work with and promote the interests of these residents and community members. The events covered the broad themes of public buildings and spaces, inclusive neighbourhoods, transport and movement, and residential buildings.

## Civic Partnership Fund announcement of funding

On 5 August, I announced investment of £12.4m through the Civic Partnership Programme (CPP) to transform public spaces across London.

The CPP targets areas of need where local regeneration objectives align with my priorities to combat long-standing inequalities that have been exacerbated by the Covid-19 pandemic, the cost-of-living crisis and the climate emergency.

Five exemplar projects across the capital have been awarded CPP funding, which will transform the public realm, activate underused spaces and deliver environmental improvements in partnership with the local community. These are:

- **Neasden Town Centre (LB Brent) - £3,100,000**

This focusses on a set of actions and projects around Neasden town centre to address the challenges of being cut off by the six-lane North Circular Road and gyratory. It is also impacted by being the most polluted town centre in London and other socio-economic challenges.

- **Ilford Arrival (LB Redbridge) - £3,000,000**

The project proposes five interventions to better connect Ilford Town Centre with the Roding Valley and unlock stalled development.

- **Connecting Hoxton (LB Hackney) - £3,000,000**

The project proposes a network of high-quality interventions to improve social infrastructure, green space and public realm drawing on an extensive co-design process with local residents, community and cultural organisations and businesses.

- **Riverdale Sculpture Park (LB Lewisham) - £2,486,000**

The project is part of the wider strategy to reconnect Lewisham Town Centre with the underlying river landscape. The funding will support the transformation of the existing Riverdale Sculpture Park, and includes river naturalisation, tree and shrub planting and Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems.

- **North End Quarter Fringes: Amplifying Surrey Street (LB Croydon) - £814,000**

The initiative focuses on sustainable regeneration in Croydon Town Centre through collaboration with community partners. The project prioritises connectivity, safety, heritage

preservation, urban greening, bringing vacant shops back into use, and enhancing the public realm through market expansion and improved cultural offer.

### **Good Growth Fund Project Openings**

The following projects which received funding from my Good Growth Fund opened in the period:

- **SPID Theatre (Estate of Play)**

SPID (Social, Political, Interconnected, Diverse) Theatre on the Kensal House Estate in Kensington and Chelsea, which received £899,700 from my Good Growth Fund, officially opened on 16 July 2024. The refurbishment of the Grade II\* Listed Kensal House Community Rooms will empower people at a neighbourhood level by supporting community-led activities that deliver cultural, youth and intergenerational activities. New lift access from ground level and accessible improvements to the gardens will ensure step-free and inclusive access into the building. The space serves an area of high deprivation, and now provides a cultural and inter-generational hub for skills and shared learning.

- **The Spark Ilford, Good Growth Fund Round 1**

Mercato Metropolitano Ilford, the final part of The Spark Ilford project, opened on 11 July 2024. Mercato Ilford, which received £1.4m from my Good Growth Fund, is a new-build food market and urban farm occupying a former car park within the town centre to the rear of Redbridge Town Hall. The market aims to provide access to natural, nutritious and affordable food to residents while creating a positive impact in an area undergoing regeneration. Mercato will engage with the local community, offering free activities including educational cookery classes, working with local artists, offering free parent and baby classes, and classes that focus on physical and mental health and wellbeing. The market building reflects circular economy principles. The market has created 100 new jobs paid at the London Living Wage.

### **Enterprising Tottenham High Road Good Growth Fund, 639 High Road**

The refurbishment of 639 High Road, an Edwardian Grade II listed building in Tottenham which received £2m from my Good Growth Fund, launched on 21 August 2024. This funding has contributed to a ground floor refurbishment to expand the public café and establish a seminar room and members' lounge. The building is managed by the Trampery as an incubator for small and emerging local businesses, providing affordable workspace to local residents and bringing together multiple strands of support to develop and sustain careers, from support and training for school leavers, to subsidised premises, business mentoring and career development initiatives.

### **Planning Decisions (Stage 2 referrals)**

I have sent a letter in response to the following Statutory Stage 2 referrals. I have informed the relevant Local Planning Authorities that I am content for them to determine the cases themselves.

### Planning Decisions (Stage 2 referrals)

GLA Number	Development Name	Local Planning Authority	Decision date	Decision	Application Type
2024/0340	Holywell Yard	Hackney	08/07/2024	Allow LPA to refuse	Stage 2
2023/0606	Hayes Park Central and South	Hillingdon	08/07/2024	Allow LPA to approve	Stage 2
2023/0376	81-103 King's Road	Kensington and Chelsea	08/07/2024	Allow LPA to approve	Stage 2
2023/0808	Phase 4 Woodberry Down	Hackney	15/07/2024	Allow LPA to approve	Stage 2
2022/0601	Hanworth Park House	Hounslow	15/07/2024	Allow LPA to approve	Stage 2
2023/0701	5 Strand	Westminster	15/07/2024	Allow LPA to approve	Stage 2
2022/0686	Sherwood Close (Former Dean Gardens Estate) - Phase 3	Ealing	19/08/2024	Allow LPA to approve	Stage 2
2023/0651	Aggregate House	Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation	19/08/2024	Allow LPA to approve	Stage 2
2022/0690	Development At Sainsburys 55, Roden Street, Ilford	Redbridge	19/08/2024	Allow LPA to approve	Stage 2
2023/0817	Liberty of Southwark	Southwark	19/08/2024	Allow LPA to approve	Stage 2

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The Deputy Mayor for Planning, Regeneration & Skills, under powers delegated to him sent a letter in response to the following Statutory Stage 2 referrals. The Deputy Mayor informed the relevant Local Planning Authority that he was content for them to determine the case themselves.



GLA Number	Development Name	Local Planning Authority	Decision date	Decision	Application Type
2023/0665	West Hendon Estate	Barnet	18/07/2024	Allow LPA to approve	Stage 2
2022/0092	Potters Farm	Bromley	18/07/2024	Allow LPA to approve	Stage 2
2023/0432	Shepherds Bush Market	Hammersmith and Fulham	18/07/2024	Allow LPA to approve	Stage 2

### Planning Decisions (Stage 1 referrals)

I have asked officers to send letters giving comments about the following Stage 1 referrals:

GLA Number	Development Name	Local Planning Authority	Decision date	Decision	Application Type
2024/0377	231 Colney Hatch Lane	Barnet	29/07/2024	No Strategic Issues	No Strategic Issues
2024/0265	148-154 High Street, Uxbridge	Hillingdon	29/07/2024	Does not fully comply with the London Plan	Stage 1
2024/0267	Cuba Street	Tower Hamlets	29/07/2024	Does not comply with the London Plan	Stage 1
2024/0332	206-216 Marylebone Road	Westminster	29/07/2024	No Stage 2 required	Stage 1
2024/0354	100 Jersey Road	Hounslow	25/07/2024	No Strategic Issues	No Strategic Issues
2024/0362	Bow Common Gas Works	Tower Hamlets	25/07/2024	No Strategic Issues	No Strategic Issues
2024/0347	Ransome's Wharf	Wandsworth	25/07/2024	No Strategic Issues	No Strategic Issues
2024/0371	College of North West London	Brent	19/08/2024	Does not fully comply with the London Plan	Stage 1
2024/0376	Crescent House	Brent	19/08/2024	Does not fully comply with the	Stage 1

2024/0298	Gurnell Leisure Centre	Ealing	19/08/2024	London Plan Does not fully comply with the London Plan	Stage 1
2024/0365	122-126 Westferry Road	Tower Hamlets	19/08/2024	Does not fully comply with the London Plan	Stage 1
2024/0213	Whitewebbs	Enfield	18/07/2024	Does not fully comply with the London Plan	Stage 1
2024/0319	Orchard Wharf	Tower Hamlets	18/07/2024	Does not fully comply with the London Plan	Stage 1
2024/0318	Baltic Wharf	Westminster	18/07/2024	Does not fully comply with the London Plan	Stage 1
2024/0415	Clapham Park Estate	Lambeth	14/08/2024	No Strategic Issues	No Strategic Issues
2024/0422	Phase 3 and 4 Woolwich Central	Greenwich	12/08/2024	No Strategic Issues	No Strategic Issues
2024/0411	One Canada Square	Tower Hamlets	12/08/2024	No Strategic Issues	No Strategic Issues
2024/0364	West One	Westminster	11/07/2024	No Strategic Issues	No Strategic Issues
2024/0305	The Alcove at The Rockery	Barnet	08/07/2024	Does not fully comply with the London Plan	Stage 1
2024/0353	7 Glasshouse Walk	Lambeth	05/08/2024	Does not fully comply with the London Plan	Stage 1

2024/0336	Teviot Estate, London, E14 6QU	Tower Hamlets	05/08/2024	Does not fully comply with the London Plan	Stage 1
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## Key engagements

Among my additional engagements since my last report were the following:

- I held my regular planning meeting on 8 July
- I joined Metro Mayors to meet the new Prime Minister (Sir Keir Starmer) on 9 July
- I hosted Metro Mayors at Transport for London on 9 July
- I held my regular meeting with the Met Police Commissioner on 11 July
- I met with the new Secretary of State for Transport (Louise Haigh) on 12 July
- I attended the Wimbledon Men's Final on 14 July
- I held my regular planning meeting on 15 July
- I joined the new Secretary of State for Justice (Shabana Mahmood) at her swearing in ceremony on 15 July
- I held my regular meeting with Transport for London on 16 July
- I met with the new Secretary of State Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Steve Reed) on 16 July
- I met with the new Minister of Housing, Communities & Local Government (Jim McMahon) on 14 July
- I attend a visit with the Secretary of State for Transport (Louise Haigh) on 18 July
- I attended Mayor's Question time on 18 July
- I visited the new Multibank opened by the Felix Project on 23 July
- I attended the LFPME Summer reception on 23 July
- I met with the new Home Secretary (Yvette Cooper) on 24 July
- I met with the new Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster (Pat McFadden) on 24 July
- I met with the new Deputy Prime Minister (Angela Rayner) on 24 July
- I met with World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE) on 25 July
- I attended the opening ceremony of the 2024 Olympic Games on 26 July and a series of meetings and events to promote London on 27 July
- I visited a VRU-funded summer activities project on 29 July
- I joined Merlin Entertainment to promote their summer activities in London and launch their latest Madame Tussauds wax figure on 30 July
- I met with the Leader of Haringey (Peray Ahmet) on 30 July
- I held my regular meeting with Transport for London on 30 July
- I held my regular meeting with the Deputy Met Police Commissioner on 30 July
- I spoke with the Met Commissioner on 7 August
- I chaired a meeting with London stakeholders regarding potential unrest in London on 7 August
- I visited a City Hall funded project at Chelsea FC Foundation on countering violence and hate on 8 August
- I met with 13 Management on 9 August
- I joined Team GB at their London homecoming on 12 August
- I met the Prime Minister on 12 August
- I held my regular meeting with Transport for London on 13 August
- I spoke with the Home Secretary on 13 August
- I spoke with the Met Commissioner on 13 August
- I chaired a Mosque Security Workshop on 14 August
- I held my regular planning meeting on 19 August
- I met with the Chancellor on 21 August