

## **5th Mayor's Report to the Assembly**

### **Mayor's Question Time 10 October 2024**

This is my fifth report to the Assembly, fulfilling my duty under Section 45 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999. It covers the period from 30 August – 26 September 2024.

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

## **Executive Summary**

### **Grenfell Inquiry report**

On 4 September, the final Grenfell Inquiry report was published. The Statutory Public Inquiry was established by the then Prime Minister after the shocking tower block fire in North Kensington on 14 June 2017. I know that I and my fellow Londoners will never forget that day and the tragic loss of 72 people including 18 children.

The Inquiry report makes clear in stark terms that all deaths were entirely avoidable, and that the residents of Grenfell Tower have paid the price for systematic dishonesty, corporate greed and institutional indifference and neglect.

The report made 58 wide ranging recommendations for change aimed towards the government, construction industry, local resilience forums and the London Fire Brigade.

This simply must be a turning point in the history of our city and country. All those responsible must act on the recommendations made by the Inquiry, ensuring all lessons are learned. It is vital that we as a society tackle the glaring structural injustices and social and racial inequalities that undoubtedly contributed to this catastrophe – and the way those affected have been treated since. I will ensure that learning from Grenfell is embedded across the GLA and GLA Group. I will continue to push for reforms and work with the new government to improve building standards to ensure all Londoners are safe, and feel safe, in their homes.

I want to thank the bereaved, survivors and community for their courage and strength in their continued fight for justice and change. I stand alongside you all.

### **Visit to New York to promote London as leading destination for business, tourism and sport**

Between 23–26 September, I travelled to New York for a series of meetings and events with global leaders to promote London as an unparalleled destination for investment, sporting events and tourism.

My visit took place during the United Nations (UN) General Assembly, where business leaders, politicians and major organisations gather to discuss global issues including delivering economic prosperity and tackling climate change.

During my visit I met with companies like Accordion, CLA Global, ServiceNow, MoonPay and Thoropass. I spoke at a number of high-profile events, including the Concordia Annual Summit, a global affairs forum that works to address the world's most pressing needs, the Climate Pledge Summit and the NYC Climate Week Hub.

London faces stiff competition but is still the leading location globally for US businesses looking to expand overseas. Last year, New York invested \$1.7 billion into London climate start-ups and climate focused companies, with the capital the top city for foreign direct investment from the United States over the last 10 years, when compared to all other cities globally. Around 3.5 million visits were made between the US and London in 2023, surpassing pre-Pandemic levels by 12 per cent.

While in New York I met with senior sporting officials to explore bringing more sports from North America and around the world to our city to cement London's reputation as the undisputed sports capital of the world.

In addition to my role as Mayor of London, I was also there as Chair of C40 Cities - a global network of nearly 100 mayors of the world's leading cities that are united in action to confront the climate crisis.

I spoke at New York Climate Week and at the Climate Pledge Summit emphasising how cities are at the forefront of climate action, with over half of the world's population living in them and consuming 75 per cent of global energy. I highlighted London's bold initiatives and plans for the future including my commitment to make London rivers swimmable in ten years.

I also spoke at the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Lounge event - hosted by the UN Office for Partnerships - on the need to accelerate climate action and give the keynote address at a Clinton Global Initiative opening the session on "Leveraging Technology and Nature for Equitable Urban Resilience".

### **Oxford Street Announcement**

On the 17 September I announced my intention to establish a Mayoral Development Corporation to bring forward the regeneration of Oxford Street and ensure it can continue to drive London's economic prosperity for decades to come.

I attended a media event and photo opportunity on the roof garden at John Lewis to launch these plans to transform Oxford Street. I confirmed my intention to revisit plans to transform Oxford Street into a traffic-free pedestrian boulevard. I was joined by Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, Angela Rayner.

### **Black On The Square**

I was thrilled to welcome Black On The Square back to Trafalgar Square on Saturday 7 September, following last year's fantastic first festival.

Supported by creative programmer Kobi Prempeh from fynn studio, and our Community Advisory Group, chaired by Josette Bushell-Mingo OBE, the festival aligns with my wider commitment to identifying, supporting and nurturing creative talent from across London's diverse communities.

London's Black communities make a vital contribution to our culture, identity and success, and this flagship family event is a fantastic way to celebrate and champion the sheer breadth of the capital's Black creative talent.

It sends a loud message of unity at a time when some have sought to divide our communities. London's rich diversity and openness is what truly defines us and sets us apart as the greatest city in the world, and we will continue to celebrate this as we build a better, more equal and more prosperous city for all.

### **Universal Free School Meals Year 2 commences - Henry Fawcett Primary School visit**

On Friday 6 September, my Deputy Mayor for Children and Families, Joanne McCartney, and I visited Henry Fawcett Primary School in Lambeth to celebrate the start of the second year of my universal free school meals policy. I was delighted to join the pupils and staff and meet local families who are benefiting from the programme. It was humbling to speak with pupils, school staff, and parents about the impact of the policy. For as long as I am Mayor, all children at state primary schools across the capital will receive free school meals.

### **New bus service connecting Golders Green and Stamford Hill now up and running**

A new TfL bus service, route 310, is now operating between Golders Green and Stamford Hill. I was delighted to attend the launch of the new route with Seb Dance, my Deputy Mayor for Transport.

The introduction of the service follows a commitment I made earlier this year in response to a longstanding request from residents, particularly in the local Jewish community, for a service to connect the neighbourhoods.

This is the first time that the two areas have been connected by a direct bus service, with the new route playing an important role in enabling more people in the area to switch from car use to public transport, reducing congestion and improving air quality across the area and beyond.

TfL is running a public consultation to assess the response to the service over the next 12 months, to allow Londoners to provide feedback on how the service is running and to inform TfL's longer-term service plans. TfL will be working closely with local communities during this period to promote use of the route and to encourage communities to share their feedback.

### **London celebrates World Car Free Day with local events and around 200 Play Streets**

Londoners were encouraged to mark World Car Free Day on Sunday 22 September, as around 200 streets across the capital were transformed into temporary spaces for play and social gatherings over the weekend.

Local streets across London became play streets between Friday 20 September and Sunday 22 September, enabling thousands of Londoners to play, walk, cycle and spend time with their neighbours. London Play offered participating streets play equipment, including free space hoppers, and one neighbourhood in Wandsworth won a mini-carnival event, including an on-street 'Karnival Kart' building workshop and parade.

Stations along what will soon become the London Overground Windrush line also joined the celebrations, and amongst the activities was a carnival-themed DJ set at Dalston Junction

station. Hackney Council also got into the carnival spirit as the Hackney Carnival returned following a five-year absence.

In Hounslow the Council hosted a guided cycle ride of the newly opened stretch of Cycleway 9 on Friday 20 September, giving people the chance to enjoy a guided ride of the new route between Watermans Park and Alexandra Road in Brentford. There were activities for visitors of all ages to enjoy, including games and safety tips.

World Car Free Day is an important moment to celebrate the progress we've made in building more liveable neighbourhoods, and embracing a different vision for our streets. I am delighted to once again support the activation of play streets on Car Free Day, a unique opportunity to transform streets into playful and social spaces where the whole community can come together to scoot, bike, walk, space hop and socialise safely.

### **New accessible ticket hall at Paddington Tube station gives direct step-free access to the Bakerloo line for the first time**

The new ticket hall at Paddington Tube station which serves the Bakerloo line is now open. It provides Transport for London (TfL) customers with direct, step-free access from street to platform on the Bakerloo line for the first time, via two lifts.

My Deputy Mayor for Transport, Seb Dance, joined TfL staff in a celebration of the new entrance, part of the Paddington Square development, owned and funded by Great Western Developments Ltd and developed by Sellar. The development sits below a landmark 18-storey crystalline building in the shape of a geometric cube, at the centre of a new 1.35-acre public piazza. At more than three times the size of the previous Bakerloo line ticket hall, the new entrance is set to transform the experience of customers using the Bakerloo line at Paddington. The number of ticket gates has more than doubled from five to 11, to speed up journey times, and improved signage will make navigating the station quicker and easier.

The new entrance will also make it much more convenient for customers with accessibility requirements who previously used the lengthier, indirect step-free route to the Bakerloo line at Paddington Underground station, via the lifts at the Elizabeth line entrance and then the connecting passenger tunnel.

Bringing more step-free access to London's transport network is a key priority, especially at busy hubs. Paddington station is one of London's busiest stations and an historic and vital part of London's transport infrastructure. I want everyone to be able to use it, so I'm delighted that the new ticket hall will give the Bakerloo line direct step-free access for the first time. I'm also excited to see the Paddington Square regeneration plans develop, giving a boost to the local area and helping to build a fairer, greener and more prosperous London for everyone.

## **Policing, Crime and Security**

### **Fresh investment to support grassroots community groups tackling violence against women and girls**

On 19 September I was pleased to announce that 36 grassroots organisations would be receiving a share of £3m new investment through my VAWG Grassroots Fund.

The Fund is part of the record £233m investment I have overseen to deliver my Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy for London. This comprehensive Strategy recognises the importance of dedicated action to support local community organisations working with women and girls from Black, Asian and minority-ethnic communities and other underrepresented groups, including women involved in prostitution, those with No Recourse to Public Funds and women with disabilities.

The successful bidders to the Fund are organisations rooted in, and led by, the communities that they serve and will work locally to provide access to legal advice, counselling, emergency housing and other key services.

This new tranche of funding will build on the impact of the first £3m tranche of the VAWG Grassroots Fund which supported 41 organisations and over 30,000 women, girls and families from minoritised communities between 2021 and 2023. My thanks go to all involved in this vital work.

### **VAWG and workforce on the agenda at the London Policing Board**

My London Policing Board held its fifth full meeting on 19 September, with Commissioner Sir Mark Rowley and members of his senior leadership team joining us to take questions on the policing response to violence against women and girls in London; workforce planning at the Met; and other topical issues including the safety of Notting Hill Carnival.

The Board is central to the work underway to reform the Metropolitan Police Service, providing a public forum for discussion and oversight of the delivery of Sir Mark's New Met for London Plan. I am grateful to all of the Board Members for the expertise, lived experience and insight that they bring to this vitally important matter. Together, we will continue to support and challenge the Commissioner to deliver his goals of less crime, more trust and higher standards.

## Transport

### **TfL celebrates the launch of the London Overground Lioness line, as a former England player surprises the future generation of women's football**

TfL hosted a football festival on Saturday 14 September alongside Regent's Park Youth League and Middlesex FA Pan-Disability League to mark the launch of the London Overground between Euston and Watford Junction, which will become the Lioness line this autumn.

Aspiring young footballers were met by surprise guest former Lioness Ellen Maggs, who spoke with the young players and awarded trophies to the winning teams.

Young players from Middlesex FA Pan-Disability League took part in a special match refereed by TfL's Surekha Griffiths, who was recently crowned FA Grassroots Official of the Year. Surekha won the award for her role in refereeing disability football games, as well as other youth football games. She recently spoke about her journey alongside Lionesses Leah Williamson and Chloe Kelly on TfL's Mind the Gap podcast.

It was fantastic to see the event bring together young aspiring footballers, to highlight the legacy of the Lionesses trophy, and to celebrate the new name of the London Overground line from Watford to Euston.

I'm pleased to be renaming the London Overground lines to make it easier for Londoners to navigate our network. The Lioness line celebrates the England women's football team's unforgettable Euros win in 2022, which sparked a step change in attitudes towards women's football all around the country and changed the football landscape forever.

### **TfL's new Mind the Gap podcast delves into the history behind the London Overground Suffragette line**

A new TfL Mind the Gap podcast episode delves into the history behind the London Overground Suffragette line, with interviews with activist and scholar Helen Pankhurst, Emmeline Pankhurst's great-granddaughter, and comedian and writer, Cally Beaton.

This autumn, the London Overground line connecting north west and east London will be named the Suffragette line and represented on the map with two parallel green lines, as part of the new names and colours for each of the six Overground lines, making it easier for customers to navigate London's transport network while also celebrating the city's diverse culture and history.

In episode four of the Mind the Gap podcast, presenter Tim Dunn visits Barking Riverside London Overground station, in east London, where he speaks with Helen Pankhurst. Helen is the great-granddaughter of Suffragette Emmeline Pankhurst, who was one of key Suffragette leaders from east London who campaigned for women's rights.

In the second part of the episode, Tim speaks with British comedian and writer Cally Beaton at Gospel Oak London Overground station. Cally talks about her journey of becoming the first female board member at ITV and a champion for women in business.

I encourage Londoners to tune into this episode of TfL's Mind the Gap podcast to learn more about the history behind the pivotal movement and the inspiration behind the line's historic name change.

### **TfL selects Global and JCDecaux to manage its world-leading advertising contracts**

After an extensive procurement process, TfL has selected Global and JCDecaux to manage its advertising estate, building on the work achieved in recent years.

The new contracts will see Global continue to manage advertising on TfL's rail estate, which includes digital and traditional paper advertising sites on the Tube, London Overground, and Elizabeth line. JCDecaux will continue to manage advertising at more than 4,700 bus shelters, carrying more than 9,000 traditional paper advertising panels and 612 digital advertising panels.

By working with these award-winning Out-of-Home media companies, TfL aims to further develop London's largest advertising estate and continues to champion new ways of bringing brands closer to those travelling across the city by Tube, bus or rail.

As part of the tender, TfL asked bidders to consider the environmental impact of advertising and to help TfL continue supporting my aim to make London Net Zero by 2030. To help achieve this, TfL is converting lighting in advertising panels within stations to be LED lighting, which uses up to 60 per cent less energy than traditional lighting while providing around 10 per cent brighter light. Work is also underway to convert lighting in all bus shelters across London, including those used in advertising panels, to LED lighting in the coming months.

Advertising is an important source of revenue for TfL, with commercial media bringing in approximately £150m to TfL last financial year. This is reinvested back into the public transport network, helping to keep Londoners moving.

The TfL advertising estate is a unique canvas in Out-of-Home advertising that brings brands to its customers as they travel around the city. Working with both of these companies means TfL can continue to build on what it has achieved to date and stay at the forefront of what advertisers and audiences want across the capital.

### **TfL teams up with Anthony Nolan to celebrate lifesaving stem cell journeys across London's transport network**

TfL and stem cell transplant charity Anthony Nolan have joined forces during Blood Cancer Awareness Month with the launch of a new film depicting lifesaving journeys taking place throughout London's transport network.

The new film which has been produced by TfL and Anthony Nolan, features unsung heroes like volunteer courier Irene Robertson who regularly transports donated cells to patients in need of a transplant throughout the UK and beyond. It also features TfL staff member, Sonja Jutte, who joined the stem cell register in 2005 after a family friend needed a stem cell transplant. She recently donated her stem cells to a patient overseas.

Stem cell transplants can be the best chance of survival for many patients with blood cancers or blood disorders. Donated cells are given to a patient via their blood stream so that they grow

their own new healthy blood cells and platelets. Stem cells are also used by scientists for medical research and to develop new therapies to help more patients.

With an extremely short window of opportunity, TfL has a crucial role to play in saving lives by providing a reliable and comprehensive transport network

TfL also teamed up with Anthony Nolan in August to support them through the sale of Notting Hill Carnival 2024 themed pin badges to staff. TfL is donating all proceeds from the pin badge sales to Anthony Nolan.

### **London Trams invites manufacturers to bid to design and build new fleet of trams**

The search for a manufacturer to design and build a new fleet of trams to replace the oldest ones operating on the London Trams network has begun, as TfL has issued an Invitation to Tender (ITT).

Four pre-qualified manufacturers, Alstom Transport UK Limited, Construcciones y Auxiliar de Ferrocarriles S.A (CAF), Hitachi Rail Limited and Stadler Rail Valencia S.A.U, can now proceed to the next stage of the formal procurement process with TfL to design and build the next generation of trams that will, subject to funding, start to be introduced in the late 2020s.

The new trams will offer customers a more comfortable and reliable service along with several improved features including a redesigned interior, air-conditioning, the latest audio and visual real-time travel information, and mobile device charging points.

The new trams will include a multi-use area that is designated primarily for wheelchair users but is also able to accommodate pushchairs and luggage when not in use. They will also feature the latest safety features building on improvements already made on the network, as TfL works to eliminate deaths and serious injuries across London's transport network as part of TfL's Vision Zero commitments.

### **Edwardian Victoria Station Arcade is the latest unique retail accommodation to open within Places for London's estate**

Places for London, TfL's property company, has reopened the Victoria Station Arcade ready for customers to enjoy the restored Edwardian architecture and new retail offer.

Built in the early 1900s as part of the Metropolitan District Railway, the Victoria Station Arcade's unique heritage features had become damaged over time. However, as part of a £1.5m restoration project, skilled craftspeople have sensitively restore heritage mouldings, stonework, plasterwork and installed sympathetic Edwardian-style shopfronts, which replicated the two original remaining shopfronts, and period-style lighting as well as the redecoration of the arcade in a historic District Railway colour scheme.

Over the next 10 years, Places for London will be investing over £300m towards upgrading, expanding and working towards net zero across its retail spaces. Ninety-five per cent of retail businesses on Places for London's retail estate are small to medium enterprises, highlighting the unique opportunity available to smaller businesses of partnering with Places for London across its busy estate. Places for London is supporting the revival of retail across the capital, helping independents and a range of small to mainstream businesses to thrive in London.



The work to restore heritage aspects of this historic location is testament to Places for London's dedication to celebrate the city's transport history and provide London's visitors, workers and residents with authentic and thriving retail destinations which can continue to be a part of the capital's future.

## Environment

### Visit to Catford Bus Garage

On 30 August my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, visited Catford Bus garage. The visit provided an opportunity for him to be briefed on TfL's work towards achieving net zero operations by 2030 including through its zero-emissions fleet and was joined by Stagecoach's Paul Lynch, the Regional Director for London and Wales and senior TfL colleagues.

### Visit to Asthma + Lung UK's 'Stories of Toxic Air' exhibition

On 31 August my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, visited Asthma + Lung UK's 'Stories of Toxic Air' event which featured a photography exhibition telling the real-life stories of those impacted by air pollution across the UK, and those campaigning for change.

### Participated in Opportunity London's Asset in Action: Low carbon panel event

On 3 September my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, joined Opportunity London and Partners at the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium in a panel discussion where he promoted my initiatives to unlock investment in clean energy and reducing carbon emissions in London, including the London Climate Finance Facility.

### Visit to the London Wildlife Trust

On 4 September, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, visited [Hutchinson's Bank](#) nature reserve in New Addington, Croydon, with David Mooney, Chief Executive of the London Wildlife Trust. The visit showcased the multiple benefits of urban nature recovery and was an opportunity to discuss the Wildlife Trust's work and our plans for implementation of the London Rewilding Taskforce recommendations.

### Meeting with C40 leadership team

On 5 September the Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy met Mark Watts, Executive Director of C40 Cities. At the meeting they discussed actions being taken by cities, the Mayor's priorities for C40 and the upcoming UN General Assembly and this year's COP meeting.

### Meeting with Thames Water CEO at City Hall

On 5 September, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban met with the CEO of Thames Water, Chris Weston to discuss the company's submission to Ofwat's draft determinations for PR24. The Deputy Mayor flagged concerns over the scale of bill increases facing Londoners. They also discussed the Mayor's manifesto pledge to produce a plan for cleaning up London's waterways.

### **Visit to Baker Street Underground Station to discuss the air filtration trial**

On 6 September my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban visited Baker Street Underground Station to see their air filtration trial. The trial commenced in May 2024 and is part of TfL's Tube Dust programme to improve air quality on the network.

### **Attended Cross River Partnerships projects in Lambeth**

On 9 September, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, met with Cllr Rezina Chowdhury to take a tour of some of the fantastic projects delivered through the Mayor's Air Quality Fund. Mete and Rezina were joined by Susannah Wilks, the Director of Cross River Partnerships (CRP), Miles Cole the Founder/Director of Net Zero Marine Services, and Grace Rawnsley from the Port of London Authority. They saw a range of projects including school streets, Driftwood II, a SCR-fitted Vessel, and Alb-E, London's first fully electric working boat. Details of the Mayor's Air Quality Fund can be found here [Mayor's Air Quality Fund | London City Hall](#).

### **Meeting with Hilary McGrady, Director General, National Trust**

On 10 September, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, met with Hilary McGrady, Director General of the National Trust. They discussed our shared priorities for nature recovery, climate resilience and social justice, and were joined by officers from National Trust's London team, Jim Foy and Jo Dimitri.

### **Meeting with the Healthy Air Coalition**

On 10 September, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, met with representatives from the Healthy Air Coalition to discuss progress made on tackling London's clean air and ensuring progress continued to be made to make London a healthier, cleaner city.

### **Meeting with Emma Howard Boyd CBE**

On 10 September, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, met with Emma Howard Boyd CBE, the Chair of the London Climate Resilience Review to discuss climate resilience in London. Emma briefed my Deputy Mayor on the findings and recommendations of the Review. My Deputy Mayor set out London's progress on the recommendations of the Review and plans for continued delivery.

### **Attended the Celebration of Warren Farm and the Brent River Park event**

On 10 September, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, attended a celebration event for Warren Farm and Brent River Park organised by London National Park City. He met Brent River Park trustees and National Park City rangers and learnt about the history of the park and future environmental ambitions and opportunities.

### **Meeting with Elizabeth Rapoport**

On 12 September my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy met with Elizabeth Rapoport the Chair of the London Surface Water Strategy Group to discuss the progress of the group to date, set out in the Annual Monitoring report, and the release of the Interim report in July. They also discussed the next steps in delivering London's first London Surface Water Strategy.

### **Meeting with Licensed Taxi Drivers Association**

On 13 September my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy met with Steve McNamara, General Secretary at the Licensed Taxi Drivers Association (LTDA). This was an introductory meeting between my Deputy Mayor and the LTDA. They discussed the importance of London's taxis and electrification of the fleet.

### **Hosted a community energy roundtable**

On 13 September my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban met with representatives from London's community energy sector. Mete took part in a round table discussion to understand further support community energy groups need to help achieve my net zero 2030 ambitions. The discussion was chaired by Community Energy London.

### **Visit to Southall Canal Wellbeing Way community open day event**

On 14 September my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban joined representatives from Canal & River Trust and Ealing Council at a community event celebrating the completion of the Southall Grand Union Canal Wellbeing Way project, supported with a grant by my Green and Resilient Spaces Fund. As part of this event, he launched a new Lockkeepers Cottage community garden at Norwood Bottom Lock with Dierdre Costigan MP for Ealing Southall.

### **Hosted a youth engagement event**

On 17 September my Deputy Mayor for Energy and Environment hosted an event at Camley Street Natural Park to gather ideas on the design of the Green Roots programme, one of my manifesto commitments. This was the first of a series of engagement activities. Attendees were young Londoners aged 15-25 and included some of my Peer Outreach Workers. Young Londoners shared why they think nature is important and what they'd need to play a more active role in its protection and enhancement.

### **Visit to Thames Tideway with Secretary of State Steve Reed**

On 18 September my Deputy Mayor for Energy and Environment joined me and the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Steve Reed, to visit the above ground progress made by the Thames Tideway tunnel and launch my intention to develop a plan for ensuring all London's waterways are clean within a decade.

### **Visit to fire station with Anchor Green New Deal working group**

On 18 September the Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy met with London's Anchor Institutions in the Green New Deal Working Group. Mete heard from Anchor representatives (including TfL, NHS, London Higher and faith groups) about their work to deliver the Mayor's priorities including decarbonising estates, rolling out staff climate training, and becoming more climate resilient. The meeting was hosted by London Fire Brigade, as one of the Anchor institutions, at their latest net-zero fire station in Plumstead, Greenwich. The Deputy Mayor learnt more about the station's journey to net-zero and saw their energy and heating infrastructure. He also learnt how LFB are dealing with climate impacts in the city.

## **LCRP's flooding forum**

On 26 September my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, gave a keynote speech at the Flooding Forum. In his speech, Mete outlined his commitment to build better resilience support for businesses in London exposed and vulnerable to flood risk. The forum was hosted by London Climate Ready Partnership (LCRP) and Arcadis at the Arcadis HQ in London. Mete also met with representatives from the Environment Agency, FloodRe, London Councils, National Flood Forum, Association of British Insurers, Green Finance Institute, and Zurich Insurance

## **Fire**

### **Mayor & London Fire Commissioner**

On 3 September, my Deputy Mayor for the Fire Service, Jules Pipe, and I met with the London Fire Commissioner for our regular discussion on matters relating to London Fire Brigade. We discussed the ongoing transformation of LFB following the Grenfell Tower fire and LFB's preparedness for the publication of the Grenfell Tower Inquiry Phase 2 report.

### **Fire Committee**

On 10 September, my Deputy Mayor for the Fire Service, Jules Pipe, attended a meeting of the London Assembly Fire Committee to discuss the findings and recommendations from the Grenfell Tower Inquiry Phase 2 Report.

The Deputy Mayor was joined by the London Fire Commissioner, Andy Roe, and Deputy Commissioners Jonathan Smith and Charlie Pugsley. The Committee examined the Inquiry's findings, LFB's initial response, and sought assurance from the Deputy Mayor on his oversight of LFB.

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

On 24 September, my Deputy Mayor for the Fire Service, Jules Pipe, chaired a regular meeting of his Deputy Mayor's Fire Board.

The Board considered LFB's pay gap and sustainable development reports, LFB's response to the Grenfell Tower Inquiry Phase 2 report, and LFB's work supporting the Building Safety Regulator.

## **Resilience**

### **Meeting with Cabinet Office Parliamentary Secretary**

On 2 September, my Chief of Staff and Chair of the London Resilience Forum, David Bellamy, met with Abena Oppong-Asare MP, Cabinet Office Parliamentary Secretary, responsible for national security, resilience, and civil contingencies. They discussed how the Government can work with the GLA to strengthen London's resilience and bolster national resilience arrangements. The GLA will feed into the Government's upcoming Resilience Review and work with Government to implement the recommendations from the Grenfell Tower Inquiry and the COVID-19 Inquiry.

## **Exercise Urban Sun**

On 3 and 4 September, the London Resilience Forum delivered the largest multi-agency exercise since 2016 to test London's strategic coordination of the response to an emergency. Exercise Urban Sun simulated a large-scale building collapse scenario to test and validate London's emergency response capabilities, and to identify learning to improve the response to future emergencies and the outcomes for people affected. 19 multi-agency coordinating group meetings took place during the two-day exercise, enabling the testing of our arrangements for strategic coordination, tactical coordination, public communications and engagement, humanitarian assistance, mass fatalities, site clearance, evacuation and shelter, recovery, and investigation. A full debrief process is being conducted to gather learning from the exercise and produce recommendations. The London Resilience Forum will oversee implementation of these recommendations to improve our future response to emergencies.

## **Flood Resilience Taskforce**

On 12 September, my Chief of Staff and Chair of the London Resilience Forum, David Bellamy, participated in the first meeting of the new national Flood Resilience Taskforce, chaired by the Secretary of State for the Environment, Steve Reed MP. The Taskforce has been formed as opportunity to discuss and improve the UK's resilience to flooding with representatives from local and national tiers of government and wider organisations that are critical to protecting properties and communities.

## **Growth and Skills**

### **Meeting Londoners from WorldSkills Team UK**

On 4 my Deputy Mayor for Business and Growth, Howard Dawber, met the Londoners who represented Team UK at this year's WorldSkills competition in Lyon. I filmed a congratulatory video for the three Londoners which was shared on social media and with the BBC.

This achievement is a testament to our young Londoners, our educational institutions and employers in London, but also to how far apprenticeships and technical training can take a young person.

### **Skills Bootcamps for Londoners – Wave 5 Launch Event**

On 12 September, my Deputy Mayor for Business and Growth, Howard Dawber, hosted a Skills Bootcamps for Londoners launch event at City Hall to announce £21.58m of new investment in Wave 5 of the programme. The event was attended by over 100 guests, comprised of current Bootcamp training providers, businesses and key stakeholders looking to engage with our programme, and hear about the latest Bootcamp training offer. Grow London Local also hosted an information stand at the event to promote their services to SME attendees.

### **London Multiply Roadshow**

My London Multiply Roadshow has now concluded its series of free and fun local events across the city. 22 events were successfully delivered in 19 boroughs across London, all encouraging Londoners to build their confidence and skills with numbers. The roadshow has

been instrumental in helping Londoners across the capital to access local, free learning opportunities.

## Housing

### **Progress at Silvertown Quays**

On Friday 6 September, my Deputy Mayor for Housing & Residential Development, Tom Copley, visited Silvertown Quays to mark the topping out of the first block of affordable housing. The six-storey building will deliver 106 affordable apartments, with final completion expected by Autumn 2025.

The full, historic regeneration of Silvertown Quays will deliver circa 6,500 homes and thousands of good jobs, skills and training opportunities for local people. I am proud to be part of delivering this historic regeneration, transforming a site that has lain derelict for 40 years.

### **Opportunity Hounslow**

On Thursday 19 September, my Deputy Mayor for Housing & Residential Development, Tom Copley, spoke at the Opportunity Hounslow Conference in Brentford. This inaugural conference forms part of a year-round programme of activity, entitled Opportunity Hounslow, designed to transform Hounslow's economic and social landscape. The programme includes a series of events and partnerships aimed at driving economic development and attracting investment to the London Borough of Hounslow.

Tom Copley spoke about the strong partnership between the GLA and LB Hounslow to date in delivering new homes, and the strong prospects for housing growth in the years ahead.

## The Economy, Business and Enterprise

### **CBI Summer Reception**

On 17 September, I and my Deputy Mayor for Business and Growth, Howard Dawber, attended the CBI London's Summer Reception for business and political leaders. I delivered the keynote speech on the strength of London as the best city to do business and my commitment to develop an exciting London Growth Plan.

### **Business engagement and support**

Throughout this period, my Deputy Mayor for Business and Growth, Howard Dawber, continued to engage with key stakeholders on the development of the London Growth Plan, including:

- On 2 September, a roundtable discussion with BusinessLDN members.
- On 2 September, the Autumn General Meeting of UKinbound, a UK travel trade membership association.
- On 11 September, chaired a London Business Forum meeting where key business groups and industry bodies attended.
- On 17 September, roundtable with East London MPs, hosted by the East London Growth Potential Group, an alliance of local champions for growth.
- On 20 September, meeting with KPMG Leaders Circle.

- On 26 September, a meeting with Millie Kendall OBE, Founder and CEO of the British Beauty Council, to discuss the contribution of the hair, beauty and wellness industry to London's economy.

On 10 September, my Chief Digital Officer Theo Blackwell and Assistant Director for Skills and Employment Ayo Akande hosted the Challenge LDN pitch day for the No Wrong Door cohort of innovators at City Hall. The £450,000 Challenge looks for new approaches to better connect Londoners, particularly disabled Londoners, women, refugees, and both younger and older Londoners with the support they need and access to good employment opportunities.

On 17 September, Statutory Deputy Mayor Joanne McCartney attended a Living Wage Commission to support the calculation of the Living Wage for 2025. The London Living Wage is a voluntary rate of pay based on the cost of living in London.

### **International promotion**

Throughout this period, my Deputy Mayor for Business and Growth, Howard Dawber, continued to promote London as the best city to do business at the following events:

- On 5 September, the opening address at the annual Greentech Festival, reaffirming London's commitment to sustainability.
- On 12 September, a speech at the British Private Equity and Venture Capital Association (BVCA) Summit to promote London as a leading centre for investment and the role of private capital in London's growth.
- On 12 September, an address at MedCity's launch of London's Offer for Life Science, to underline the importance of Life Sciences to London
- On 17 September, a keynote speech at the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Private Equity Europe Forum on the strengths of London's investment landscape as a global financial and business centre.
- On 17 September, a keynote speech at the 6<sup>th</sup> edition of the Mind the Tech conference on how we support tech startups and emerging tech companies to thrive in London.
- On 25 September, a panel discussion at the Opportunity London Global Investment Summit, which gathered international investors to promote new investment opportunities in the capital.

## **Communities and Social Policy**

### **Advice and support services funding**

On 19 September, I announced a further £3.5m funding to extend the support I'm providing to advice and support services across the capital for a further 12 months. Collectively they have already helped more than 60,000 Londoners to claim more than £25m in financial support over the past two years. This includes providing £2.7m to London Citizens Advice and London Legal Support Trust to continue providing support at their network of advice centres and law centres and providing £810,000 to 10 community advice partnerships taking part in my Advice in Community Settings programme. To mark the announcement my Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, Dr Debbie Weekes-Bernard, visited Bromley Homelessness Advice which is one of the frontline organisations benefitting from this funding.

## **Awareness of unclaimed Pension Credit**

In the first week of September, I supported the efforts of the Department of Work and Pensions to raise awareness of unclaimed Pension Credit across the Capital, as part of the government-led national Pension Credit Week of Action. Last year, City Hall and borough councils supported over 2,000 successful claims, amounting to £8.4m to help low-income pensioners with the cost of living. I will be publishing results from the second phase of targeted action across London boroughs shortly.

## **Children and Young Londoners**

### **The Magpie Project**

On 13 September, my Deputy Mayor for Children and Families, Joanne McCartney, and my Deputy Mayor for Housing and Residential Development, Tom Copley, visited The Magpie Project in Newham.

The Magpie Project supports families with pre-school aged children housed in temporary or insecure accommodation in Newham by providing a safe space and helping them to access the resources or advice they need.

During the visit, they heard about the project's 'No Child Housed Without a Kitchen' campaign, which highlights the negative impact inadequate cooking facilities have on families' physical and mental health.

### **Green Roots – Shaping Nature Together**

On 17 September, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, had an inspiring session with young Londoners, including representatives from my Peer Outreach Workers, at Camley Street Natural Park. They gathered to discuss what sparked their love for nature and the support they need to take an active role in shaping the future of London. This invaluable feedback will influence new programmes designed to make our city more sustainable, inclusive, and future-ready. I want to empower Londoners to transform their neighbourhoods into thriving, nature-rich spaces that promote healthier, happier lives. I want to ensure that every community has a say in this transformation.

The voices of these young people will be key as we work together to make London a city where everyone can connect with nature, build stronger communities, and enjoy a cleaner environment; creating a greener future for all.

## **Culture**

### **Announcement of additional London Museum funding**

On 5 September, London Museum announced that the City of London Corporation and I will each contribute an additional £25 million towards the creation of its new home – a sustainable and world-class development in the historic Smithfield markets. This new pledge brings my overall contribution to £95 million and the City of London Corporation's funding to £222 million. It will be supported by an additional £30 million in fundraising by the museum. The new



London Museum will welcome over 2 million people each year and support economic growth, local businesses and employment, contributing an estimated £565 million in GVA within 10 years of opening.

### **London Creates Music X London Fashion Week collaboration**

On 9 September, as part of the programme marking the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of London Fashion Week, my Deputy Mayor for Culture and creative Industries launched the London Creates Music X London Fashion Week collaboration with Music Venue Trust, Museum of Youth Culture, DICE and Rough Trade – celebrating the energising and enduring relationship between grassroots fashion and music in London. The initiative featured a curated, low-cost selection of grassroots gigs across the capital as well as a special blog created by Rough Trade, including archive photography provided by the Museum of Youth Culture, and a curated Spotify playlist of 40 years (1984 – 2024) of London fashion x music.

### **Fourth Plinth Unveiling**

On 18 September, Justine Simons, my Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries, unveiled the 15th Fourth Plinth sculpture *Mil Veces un Instante (A Thousand Times in an Instant)* by Teresa Margolles. The artwork is made up of plaster casts of the faces of 726 trans, non-binary, and gender non-conforming people. The casts were made in Mexico City and Juárez, Mexico; and London, UK, working closely with community groups across Mexico and the UK. The event was attended by many of the participants involved with the making of the work and members of the press and media.

### **Launch of Scale of the Creative Health Sector Report**

On 24 September 2024, the report 'Understanding Creative Health in London' was launched by my Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries and senior health advisers Dr Tom Coffey and Professor Kevin Fenton, supporting my commitment to reducing health inequalities and health in all policies. The report assesses the scale, maturity and characteristics of the creative health sector in London. Report authors, Dr Rebecca Gordon-Nesbitt and London Arts and Health make four recommendations to ensure consistent and quality access to creative health activities for all Londoners. The event was attended by over 500 people from across health, public health and culture. The report can be found on the GLA (Greater London Authority) website at: <http://www.london.gov.uk/programmes-strategies/arts-and-culture/ch-sector>

## **Civil Society and Sport**

### **The Big Half**

On 1 September, my Team London volunteers supported The Big Half, London's community half marathon. The event welcomed 17,500 participants and their supporters to come together and celebrate the great achievements of those running through the boroughs of Greenwich, Lewisham, Southwark and Tower Hamlets. My 13 Team London volunteers supported the event as Start Wayfinders, in two teams either side of the start line at Tower Bridge. My volunteers played a key role in directing participants and members of the public to information points and ensuring Londoners and visitors got the most out of the fantastic festival atmosphere.

## **4in10 'Value of Volunteering' Panel Discussion**

On Tuesday 17 September, a representative from my Civil Society Team joined two other speakers from Home-Start and Little Village, for a panel discussion and Q&A session on the 'value of volunteering' and the impact it has for both organisations and communities across London. The event was hosted by London's child poverty network, 4in10, who are a campaigning network of 400 London organisations who work to improve the lives of children living in poverty across the capital. The event was attended by a range of organisations working with volunteers and those who wanted to get involved.

## **Health**

### **World Suicide Prevention Day**

On 10 September, in solidarity with partners across the city, I marked World Suicide Prevention Day by reaching out to Londoners through my social media channels and newsletter, encouraging them to complete Zero Suicide Alliance's training.

It's been five years since we launched the #ZeroSuicideLDN campaign, offering free, online suicide prevention training to empower Londoners. I'm proud that London is leading by example, with over 400,000 people across our city having completed the training so far.

The loss of one life to suicide is one too many, and each of us can play a part in preventing these heartbreaking tragedies. By supporting one another and talking more about mental health, we can make a real difference. That's why I reminded everyone that the training is available to all – free of charge, taking just 20 minutes, and equipping people with the tools that could help a loved one, colleague or stranger in crisis.

It's important that we continue encouraging people to take part, so we can continue to build a better, healthier London for all who live and work here.

### **Ask About Asthma 2024 campaign**

The NHS England London Ask About Asthma campaign took place from 9 – 15<sup>th</sup> September, and I was proud to give my support publicly to the campaign again, through a personal video on my social media channels.

This year's focus was on helping children and young people with asthma to thrive. One in eleven children and young people are affected by asthma, which is around 3 in every London classroom. As someone who lives with asthma, I know how vital it is to understand how to manage the condition and deal with major triggers such as air pollution.

I'm proud that my policies – including the Ultra Low Emission Zone – have helped cut harmful roadside nitrogen dioxide levels by nearly half since 2016. I will continue to work closely with TfL, local councils, schools, community groups, and health experts to improve London's air quality, not just for children and young people, but for all Londoners.

## **Meeting with health leaders**

On 22 August, My Deputy Mayor, Joanne McCartney, my Health Advisor, Dr Tom Coffey, and I met with senior leaders from the NHS and the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities to discuss a range of matters.

We discussed the importance of economic growth and the contribution that the health and care system could make – not only by supporting the life sciences sector, but also by supporting people’s health so that they can stay in or return to work. We recognised the NHS’s role as an anchor institution, a major employer, and an important engine of economic growth in London.

During our discussion on operational performance, I was informed that one in seven individuals on the waiting list requires an operation, while the remainder requires outpatient appointments or diagnostic tests. New diagnostic centres have already opened, and NHS services in London are increasing activity to make progress on waiting lists and improve patient outcomes.

The NHS London regional director also set out her own priorities, which included mental health services for children and young people; accelerating digital transformation; and enhancing preventative care, including for cardio-vascular disease.

We also discussed the severe mpox outbreak in central Africa, the need to manage it at source, and London’s heightened state of alert and readiness. I have written to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care to offer our support to help shape plans and support the work, should it be needed.

Lastly, I reminded NHS colleagues of the recommendations on eating disorders that the Health Committee had made earlier this year, which they agreed to look at in detail.

## **Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation (OPDC)**

### **District heat network**

On 12 September, OPDC acquired a site in Park Royal to power its innovative district heat network.

The 15,000 sq ft building on 1-2 Minerva Road will be developed into an energy centre to reclaim waste heat from nearby datacentres. It will provide low-carbon, low-cost energy to heat 10,000 new homes in Old Oak, as well as businesses and a major hospital. The first homes are expected to draw from the heating network as early as 2027.

The acquisition follows an award of £36 million from the government’s Green Heat Network Fund (GHNF). OPDC is now progressing with procurement for a delivery partner and will be announcing the preferred bidder in the coming months.

### **Park Royal Design District**

Between 14 – 15 September, the [Park Royal Design District](#) returned for a fourth year as part of the London Design Festival. Supported by OPDC and Imperial, the free festival took place across eleven locations in Park Royal, celebrating the art, design and craft in Park Royal.

Featuring renowned London artists, including Yinka Illori, the festival hosted five exhibitions, 21 workshops and over 50 open studios with talks, performances, food markets and parties for the general public to explore and enjoy.

### **A circular economy hub for Park Royal**

On 17 September, OPDC announced meanwhile use plans for its newly acquired site on 1-2 Minerva Road. Before turning the building into an energy centre in 2026, OPDC is transforming it into a circular economy hub for the community, where waste materials will be repurposed into new, useful and affordable products.

The building will be used to create workspace for local businesses and suppliers, including Remade x Re-collective, Absolute Beginners, Sweet Terrain and Rescued Clay, to create furniture, tableware and panelling using recycled materials like old TV and film sets and clay from major construction projects, like High Speed 2.

The new hub will save around 28 tonnes of carbon per year, generate over £20,000 in the local economy, create ten new jobs and provide workspace to accommodate a further 25 jobs.

OPDC's plans for the circular economy hub were informed by a new and innovative research project outlining how best to kick-start Park Royal's circular economy, commissioned by OPDC and HS2. It was launched at a public exhibition between 14<sup>th</sup> September until 22nd September.

### **Old Oak, public engagement**

On 19 September, OPDC held the last public drop-in exhibition 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 an Old Oak illustrative masterplan.

### **Planning**

On 26 September, OPDC's Board approved revisions submitted by the Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum to their Neighbourhood Area boundary. The Forum can now produce a new Neighbourhood Plan for this revised boundary, which once adopted, would comprise part of OPDC's Development Plan and would be used to assess planning applications.

## **London Legacy Development Corporation**

### **ArcelorMittal Orbit**

On 6 September, London Legacy Development Corporation (LLDC) announced adventure giant Zip World as the new operator of the iconic ArcelorMittal Orbit. This is Zip World's first venture into the London activity scene, with the company set to invest £2.6 million into the venue, which will reopen early next year.

## **East Bank**

On 10 September Sadler's Wells announced the official opening date of Sadler's Wells East – 6 February 2025 – alongside details of the first six months of performances.

The V&A successfully completed the move of more than 250,000 objects, 1,000 archival collections and 350,000 library books from Blythe House to V&A Storehouse at Here East in September.

Both buildings, as well as V&A East Museum, will open next year.

## **National Inclusion Week**

LLDC marked National Inclusion Week (23-29 September) with two key events on Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. The first, at East Wick & Sweetwater, was a collaboration with Places for People that looked at how more women with a Global Majority background could be encouraged to access opportunities within the built environment sector. Over at Build East, an event with Ardmore focussed on empowering women into construction roles.

## **London Sculpture Week**

On 23 September, artist Polly Morgan, winner of the First Plinth: Public Art Award, unveiled her first public sculpture on the Park. OPEN! CHANNEL! FLOW! will be resident from 23rd September 2024 until 30th June 2025.

# **Planning and Regeneration**

## **Local Plans**

On 30 August, GLA officers responded on my behalf to LB Newham's Local Plan Regulation 19 consultation. In that response I made it clear that it is my opinion that the draft Local Plan is not in general conformity with the London Plan because of the proposed approach to affordable housing and the intention to lower the borough's housing targets.

On 17 September, GLA officers responded on my behalf to LB Waltham Forest's Local Plan Part 2 Site Allocations 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 while providing some guidance to further bring the emerging draft Plan into alignment with the London Plan.

On 23 September, GLA officers responded on my behalf to LB Hackney's Shoreditch Area Action Plan Regulation 18 consultation. In that response I provided guidance to bring the emerging draft Plan into closer alignment with the London Plan.

On 26 September, GLA officers responded on my behalf to LB Sutton's Local Plan Regulation 18 consultation. In that response I provided guidance to bring the emerging draft Plan into closer alignment with the London Plan.

## **LAND4LDN – Call for Sites Launch**

On 18 September the London wide call for sites was launched, and will be open for 6 weeks initially. It is asking Londoners and the development community to share information about sites that might come forwards over the next 5/10 years.

This is a collaborative programme between the GLA and all London boroughs with an objective of having a live dataset that planning authorities can use going forward as a shared evidence base for planning policy and infrastructure development.

## **High Streets for All Challenge Fund Project Openings**

On 19 September, the Hackney Wick and Fish Island Community Development Trust (HWFICDT) and Arbeit launched The Loop in Hackney Wick. The Loop is a circular economy hub, supporting local businesses to scale their operations by connecting like-minded peers, helping trial new processes and undertaking R&D activities locally. As part of the event, the Loop hosted workshops to enable visitors to learn more about the circular economy and how it can be applied to our everyday lives.

## **Women, Girls and Gender Diverse People: Safety in Public Spaces**

On 24 September, at City Hall, my Deputy Mayors Sophie Linden and Jules Pipe launched the Women, Girls and Gender Diverse People: Safety in Public Spaces Handbook, which has been developed in collaboration with Publica.

This handbook shows how London is addressing Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) and gender safety through public space design as one approach. It contains a toolkit of insights, ideas and examples that aim to inspire and enable the built environment sector to incorporate a gender perspective into projects. Its practical actions were developed in collaboration with over 300 stakeholders on ten live public realm projects across London in 2023. These projects serve as dynamic case studies, showcasing diverse engagement and design processes that foster gender-inclusive public realms.

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

The Deputy Mayor for Planning, Regeneration & the Fire Service, 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.

<b>GLA Number</b>	<b>Development Name</b>	<b>Local Planning Authority</b>	<b>Decision date</b>	<b>Decision</b>	<b>Application Type</b>
2021/0793	17-21 Dingwall Road, Croydon	Croydon	02/09/2024	Allow LPA to approve	Stage 2
2023/0364	8-10 Greenock Road, Acton	Ealing	09/09/2024	Complies with the London Plan	Stage 2
2021/1198	Holly House, Chiswick	Hounslow	02/09/2024	Allow LPA to approve	Stage 2

2024/0173	Former London Chest Hospital	Tower Hamlets	02/09/2024	Allow LPA to approve	Stage 2
2021/0793	17-21 Dingwall Road, Croydon	Croydon	02/09/2024	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
2024/0414	Hasmonean High School	Barnet	16/09/2024	Does not fully comply with the London Plan	Stage 1
2024/0416	Edgware Town Centre	Barnet	16/09/2024	Does not fully comply with the London Plan	Stage 1
2024/0420	Millennium Retail Park	Greenwich	16/09/2024	Does not fully comply with the London Plan	Stage 1
2024/0382	Wyvil Road	Lambeth	12/09/2024	No Strategic Issues	No Strategic Issues
2024/0396	Borough Triangle	Southwark	02/09/2024	Does not fully comply with the London Plan	Stage 1
2024/0349	1 Knightsbridge Green	Westminster	16/09/2024	Does not fully comply with the London Plan	Stage 1
2024/0400	Gillingham House	Westminster	06/09/2024	No Strategic Issues	No Strategic Issues

## Key engagements

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

- I officially opened the new 310 Bus route on 2 September
- I held my regular meeting with the London Fire Commissioner on 3 September
- I attended the Political Purpose Awards on 3 September
- I joined a meeting of the Inclusive Climate Action C40 Summit on 4 September
- I attended the London Transport Plenary on 5 September
- I held my regular meeting with the Deputy Met Commissioner on 5 September
- I visited Henry Fawcett Primary School to officially launch the second year of my free school meals programme on 6 September
- I attended Black on the Square on 7 September
- I chaired a meeting of the London Partnership Board on 9 September
- I held my regular meeting with Transport for London on 10 September
- I joined the BGC Charity Day on 11 September
- I attended Mayor's Question Time on 12 September
- I chaired a meeting of the Violence Reduction Unit Partnership Reference Group on 12 September
- I spoke with the Leader of Westminster Council on 16 September
- I attended a reception for London Fashion Week at Downing Street on 16 September
- I attended the HMI-CFRS Policing and Performance Oversight Group on 17 September
- I visited Oxford Street with the Deputy Prime Minister to discuss regeneration plans on 17 September
- I spoke at the CBI Summer Reception on 17 September
- I visited the Thames Tideway project with the Secretary of State for the Environment, Steve Reed on 18 September
- I met with the Executive Director of C40 on 18 September
- I chaired a meeting of the London Policing Board on 19 September
- I attended the BSF Gala Dinner on 19 September
- I attended the Labour Party Conference on 21 and 22 September
- I travelled to New York City to promote trade, tourism and investment to London on 23 September