MAYOR OF LONDON

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Dear Len,

London Assembly (Plenary) Meeting 13 February 2025 - Motions

Thank you for the letter from the former Chair, Andrew Boff AM, about the motions agreed at the London Assembly (Plenary) meeting in February. My reply to motion 3.1 is below.

Motion 3.1– Preserving the Legacy of William Blake in London

As a poet and a visual artist, William Blake was a leading figure of the Romantic Age and holds an important place in London's cultural heritage. Celebrating the life and work of such important individuals and their work can offer a cultural richness to a city, both for our residents and visitors.

Officers in my Culture, Creative Industries, and 24 Hour London Team are aware of and are supportive of the proposed project to develop The House of William Blake to celebrate his life and work.

They have met with the William Blake Fellowship, and in 2023, my Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries, Justine Simons, provided a written letter of support asking all stakeholders to work together to explore its potential fully. Iona Casley, my Deputy Mayor's Senior Adviser, and Kirsten Dunne, Senior Manager for Cultural Infrastructure and Public Realm, also met with them in April 2025 and engagement with Greater London Authority officers will continue.

Yours sincerely,

Sir Sadiq Khan Mayor of London