

MAYOR OF LONDON

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Dear Len,

London Assembly (Plenary) Meeting 13 February 2025 – Motions

Thank you for the letter about the motions agreed at the London Assembly (Plenary) meeting on 13 February 2025. My reply to motions 3.3 and 3.7 is below.

Motion 3.3 – A20 Independent Investigation

Safety is Transport for London's (TfL) number one priority. Loss of life and serious injuries are not acceptable nor inevitable, and road danger must be targeted at the source.

The need to temporarily introduce a 40mph speed limit on the A20 Sidcup Road in September 2023 was the result of a serious risk of collision due to surface water flooding and water sheeting.

A series of incidents between 2019 and 2022 following moderate rainfall and ongoing water sheeting, including an overturned vehicle, raised significant concerns that needed to be addressed.

To mitigate the risk to the public, TfL carried out essential remedial works aimed at positively impacting road safety along the A20 by reducing water sheeting incidents.

I understand the concerns of the Assembly regarding enforcement of the temporary speed limit. TfL has a very experienced traffic orders team, which is looking into the points raised and will respond to these concerns as soon as it can do so.

Motion 3.7 – Heathrow Expansion

I remain opposed to a new runway at Heathrow Airport because of the severe impact it will have on noise, air pollution and meeting our climate change targets.

I will scrutinise carefully any new proposals that come forward, including the impact they will have on people living in the area and the knock-on effects for our transport infrastructure.

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TfL presented at the London Assembly Transport Committee's examination of surface access at Heathrow Airport on 27 March 2025.

It will be essential that Heathrow demonstrates that any increase in surface access demand can be accommodated sustainably, without increasing air pollution and carbon emissions.

The Final Draft Consolidated Budget for 2025-26 was approved without amendment by the London Assembly on 25 February.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sadiq Khan', with a small '2' written below the name.

Sir Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London