

MAYOR OF LONDON

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Dear Len,

London Assembly (Plenary) Meeting 5 September 2024 – Motions

Thank you for the motions agreed at the London Assembly (Plenary) meeting on 5 September 2024. My apologies for the delay in responding to Motion 3.5 as set out below.

Motion 3.5 – Proposed Government Changes to the Green Belt

I responded to the proposed changes to the National Planning Policy Framework on 30 September 2024 and the response can be viewed here: [Response to the National Planning Policy Framework \(September 2024\)](#).

This includes my position on green belt and Metropolitan Open Land.

The context in which my next London Plan will come forward is very different from when the current London Plan was developed. London needs to plan for 880,000 homes over a decade and the city has not come close to delivering homes at this rate since the 1930s when there was a major expansion of London's built area, significant growth in the transport network, low interest rates and other positive factors.

I remain committed to a brownfield first approach, but even with significant urban intensification, it would be unreasonable to expect that the marked increase to 88,000 homes a year can be achieved wholly within London's existing urban extent. I have been honest with Londoners that a brownfield approach will not be enough by itself to address the scale of the housing crisis.

I will use my next London Plan to set a framework that ensures that where green belt land is released, it will be done in the right places and in the best way possible, building sustainable, liveable well connected neighbourhoods that make the best use of land, and improving the amount of land that is genuinely green and accessible to Londoners, contributing to net biodiversity gain and ensuring affordable homes.

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Yours sincerely,

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

Sir Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London