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Dear Andrew,

**Re: London Assembly (Plenary) – 10 September 2026**

Thank you for your letter regarding the motions agreed by the London Assembly (Plenary) on 10 September 2026. We welcome the opportunity to respond to the matters raised.

Motion 3.7 – Cooperation with Immigration Enforcement

Hounslow is one of the most diverse boroughs in the capital. It is home to speakers of 192 different languages, and we have a long tradition of welcoming new Londoners and of being a borough where people of different nations, faiths, and ethnicities live and work together. Census data indicate that 51% of Hounslow's residents were born in countries other than England[1], emphasising our position as London in microcosm and the world in one place.

The Council maintains its support for effective cooperation between the local authority, the Home Office and other statutory partners in supporting resident safety, tackling organised crime and addressing human trafficking and modern slavery.

We are committed to working constructively with the Home Office to support lawful, dignified and intelligence-led approaches that identify and disrupt those responsible for trafficking, exploitation and criminal activity. At the same time, we recognise the importance of enforcement activity remaining sensitive to the circumstances of vulnerable residents and victims of exploitation. Our utmost priority is to ensure that those who exploit others and seek to abuse the law are appropriately identified and sanctioned, while those who are themselves being exploited are safeguarded, protected and given access to the support they need.

Motion 3.9 – El Niño

The Council is fully committed to providing leadership and investment to support the actions called for in the Climate Resilience Review, Heat Ready London and the latest UK climate risk assessment, A Well-Adapted UK. In 2019, the London Borough of Hounslow declared a climate

[1] State of the Borough 2025.

emergency, and initiated the development of a climate emergency action plan, mitigation and adaptation planning, air quality action plan, and transport strategy.

Many of the recommendations set out in the publications mentioned above are already reflected within the Council's Climate Emergency Action Plan 2026-2030.[2] The latter includes a specific commitment to making the borough resilient to the impacts of climate change and protecting vulnerable groups. Key actions already underway or planned include the implementation of a borough-wide Climate Change Resilience Plan[3]; embedding climate change impacts and extreme weather preparedness into business continuity arrangements; strengthening emergency planning for heatwaves, flooding, wildfires, and severe storms; delivering flood risk management and sustainable drainage measures; expanding green and blue infrastructure; electrifying our vehicle fleet; promoting a range of sustainable travel initiatives; securing Green Heat Network Fund grant for the Hounslow Heat Network; and building community capacity to respond to climate-related events. Through these commitments, the Council is already taking practical steps to increase resilience for residents, businesses and public services in line with the ambitions set out by the Assembly.

Finally, the Council recognises through its Climate Change Resilience Plan the impacts of climate change on public health, and vulnerable communities. In May and June 2026, the Met Office reported over 2,700 excess heat-related deaths across England and Wales alone. In recognition of those close to home, and further afield, who have suffered the devastating impacts of climate change and the El Niño, we support the designation of 15 July as a Day for the Victims of the Global Climate Crisis.

Yours sincerely,



Councillor Shantanu Rajawat

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[2] London Borough of Hounslow Climate Emergency Action Plan 2026-2030.
[3] London Borough of Hounslow Climate Change Resilience Plan.pdf