

MAYOR OF LONDON

Rt Hon Greg Clark MP
Secretary of State
Communities and Local Government
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Date: 16 December 2015

Dear Greg

Housing Standards and Parking Standards Minor Alterations to the London Plan Notice of Intention to Publish

In May of this year I published consultation drafts of Minor Alterations to the London Plan (MALP) on Housing Standards and Parking Standards. These fulfilled the commitment I gave in March in the Further Alterations to the London Plan (paragraph 0.16H) to bring forward early alterations to reflect Government housing standards and to review parking standards in outer London.

These Minor Alterations have been through the statutory procedures of public consultation and Examination in Public (EiP). The EiP sat for two days' hearings on 21 and 22 October 2015, and on 15 December 2015 I received the report of the EiP Inspector.

In accordance with section 337 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999 (as amended) and regulation 9 of the Town and Country Planning (London Spatial Development Strategy) Regulations 2000, I have pleasure in sending you the text of the Housing Standards and Parking Standards MALPs as I intend to publish them, together with a schedule showing the Inspector's recommendations and my response to them. I have accepted all seven of the Inspector's recommendations. For ease of understanding, I enclose two versions of each of the Minor Alterations – one shows the changes to the text involved in the alterations, and the other (clean) version shows the text as altered and as I intend to publish it.

I understand that I must not publish the Minor Alterations within the next six weeks in order to give your officials time to consider the proposed changes in terms of their compliance with national planning policy and any possible adverse impacts on the neighbouring regions, and any consequential direction arising from this.

Under section 42B of the GLA 1999 Act, I must also submit the Minor Alterations to the London Assembly before I can publish them. As I aim to complete this process and publish the MALPs before the GLA's pre-election period commences in late March, my intention is to submit the Minor Alterations to the Assembly in the New Year. I would thus be extremely grateful if I could have an early indication of your views.

To expedite the smooth passage of the MALPs at this final stage, my officers are standing by to work closely with yours to reach agreement. I would be grateful if your officers could contact John Lett (email: john.lett@london.gov.uk , telephone: 020 7983 4281) or Richard Linton (email: richard.linton@london.gov.uk , telephone: 020 7983 4278) to progress matters swiftly.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours ever

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Boris', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Boris Johnson
Mayor of London

Enclosures:

- schedule of the Mayor of London's responses to the MALP EiP Inspector's recommendations
- 'intend to publish' Housing Standards MALP (version showing changes)
- 'intend to publish' Housing Standards MALP (clean version)
- 'intend to publish' Parking Standards MALP (version showing changes)
- 'intend to publish' Parking Standards MALP (clean version)