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Dear Boris,

**HOUSING STANDARDS AND PARKING STANDARDS MINOR ALTERATIONS TO THE  
LONDON PLAN NOTICE OF INTENTION TO PUBLISH**

Thank you for your letter of 16<sup>th</sup> December giving notice of your intention to publish Minor Alterations to the London Plan covering housing standards and parking standards.

I am grateful that you have sought to make alterations to align London Plan policies with national policy in these areas and I note that you have accepted the Inspector's recommendations following the Examination in Public.

With regard to access standards, you will know that national policy is that authorities may apply the new optional Building Regulations' standards for accessible homes and wheelchair accessible homes where this is justified by need and does not compromise the viability of development. It will be important to keep the relevant London Plan policies under review as part of the next full revision of the Plan, in particular to take account of the conclusions of Lord Heseltine's estates regeneration panel.

I am therefore content therefore for the Minor Alterations to be published.

**BRANDON LEWIS MP**