

MAYOR OF LONDON

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Date: 10 March 2015

Dear James

**Disposal of the former fire station sites at Bow and Silvertown –
letter of comfort**

On 10 March 2015, I issued a direction (the Direction) to the London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority (LFEPA) in relation to the disposal of Bow and Silvertown fire station sites to the Secretary of State via the Education Funding Agency (EFA).

In considering whether to issue the Direction, I took into account the representations made to me by LFEPA and in particular, its concerns as to the potential for legal challenge in relation to the disposal to the EFA which may be brought by third parties.

I confirm that, based on the specific circumstances of the Direction and in consideration of LFEPA agreeing to comply with the Direction, if any legal proceedings are made against LFEPA following the issue of the Direction, I will increase the Greater London Authority's (GLA) funding to LFEPA so as to cover legal costs which are reasonably incurred by it in defending the legal proceedings, to cover any settlement approved by the GLA, or to cover any damages awarded against it by a court.

Any such increase in funding will be subject to conditions as to the conduct of legal proceedings.

Yours ever,



Boris Johnson

Mayor of London