

MAYOR OF LONDON

Councillor Clive Carter



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Dear Cllr Carter

Thank you for your letter of 11 March.

As I am sure you will know by now, the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) has confirmed an award of £18.8 million to Alexandra Palace.

It may be helpful for you to know my thoughts on this scheme, including the elements you raise in your letter.

Alexandra Palace is a jewel in Haringey's crown and a hugely important part of London's cultural and heritage offer. The HLF's funding will help restore the Palace's historic spaces, bringing the BBC studios back to life, and offering visitors to the Palace an even more enriching experience.

I warmly welcome the scheme and agree with English Heritage that it will enhance the significance of this listed building, doing much to address its current 'at risk' status. I look forward to seeing the east end of the building and the theatre brought back into operation.

I trust this clarifies my position.

Yours sincerely

Boris Johnson
Mayor of London