

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA300919-3563

25 October 2019

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information which the GLA received on 25 October 2019. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Our response to your request is as follows:

1. *Regarding the pipeline of release of industrial land in Southwark borough as at end 2014: Please provide a list of the 7 or 8 Southwark borough releases through LDD recorded planning approvals that are crudely indicated on Figure 2-22 (pages 77-78) of the London Industrial Land Supply & Economy Study of 2015, and totalled as 5.4 ha (Table 2-10, page 75). Also please provide details of the Housing Zone site/s stated as 0.1 ha (Table 2-10, page 75).*

The list of sites in Southwark identified through the LDD Planning Approvals as potentially being released from industrial land, and indicated in Figure 2-22 of the London Industrial Land Supply & Economy Study 2015, are attached.

The 0.1ha Housing Zone site in Southwark, identified in Table 2-10, relates to the New Bermondsey Housing Zone and, specifically, to a portion of a site on Bollina Road which falls within Southwark boundaries.

2. *Appendix A of the London Industrial Land Supply & Economy Study of 2015, at Approach, section titled Engagement with Boroughs / MDCs, TfL and GLA departments describes a process of issuing draft updated land use and policy position maps to boroughs, for them to verify that the updated position was correct to the best of their knowledge and advise of any corrections or forthcoming changes. Please share the correspondence between the GLA / their consultants and Southwark during this verification process and regarding this process.*

The reason for request 2 is that we have observed that the part of the 2015 Industrial Land Baseline covering Southwark includes substantial inaccuracies. These are of a type that could easily have been spotted with a simple check by someone with borough level knowledge. It is possible that no checking took place. We want to see the correspondence so that we can understand what went wrong. If it went wrong in Southwark then perhaps it went

wrong in other boroughs also, and hence it may be that the 2015 Industrial Land Baseline has major inaccuracies.

Engagement with Boroughs to verify the maps produced following the finalisation of the desk-based review of land use, as described in the Industrial Land Supply & Economy Study 2015 Appendices (Appendix A: Approach), was directly undertaken by the appointed consultants. Accordingly, the GLA does not retain any record of the relevant correspondence with Southwark (or any other Borough) regarding this verification process.

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely

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Information Governance Officer

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