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Dear Mark

Please find attached a letter from Richard Blakeway. A hard copy will follow in the post.

Kind regards

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# MAYOR OF LONDON

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**Date:** 18 November 2014

*Dear Mark*

## **New Era Estate**

I am writing on behalf of the Mayor of London, with regard to the New Era estate in Hoxton.

As you know, providing enough homes to meet London's population and economic growth is the Mayor's number one priority. He is a strong advocate of investment into homes and has strongly resisted attempts to impose rent controls or other measures which would choke off investment.

However, creating the right conditions for investment has to be balanced with a fair and reasonable approach to tenants. The Mayor is concerned about reports that tenants from the New Era could be served notice following Westbrook's purchase of the estate and that a previous agreement not to increase rents until 2016 has been abandoned. He would welcome clarity on Westbrook's plans and would like to explore whether an arrangement can be reached between residents and Westbrook.

I would welcome an urgent meeting with you to discuss, and to agree a way forward.

**Richard Blakeway**  
Deputy Mayor for Housing, Land and Property

