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Dear Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea planning policy team,

### **Chelsea Estate Conservation Area**

I am writing to express my support for your proposals to designate a new conservation area which would be known as the Chelsea Estates Conservation Area, incorporating the William Sutton and Samuel Lewis estates ('the Chelsea Estates').

The council has rightly recognised in its Chelsea Estates Conservation Area Appraisal that these estates retain a high degree of architectural, social and historical significance for Chelsea and the borough as whole. Thousands of Londoners live on these estates yet in recent years residents have been threatened with developers' demolition proposals. As a London Assembly Member, I have supported estate residents to win the right for a binding ballot on regeneration proposals where demolition is an option. My own analysis of all planning permissions in the London Development Database shows that 4,142 council homes have been lost in completed redevelopment schemes on sites containing existing social housing since 2003.

The council is right to take steps to protect its stock of social housing. These estates must be protected from inappropriate development, including any future regeneration plans that involve demolition.



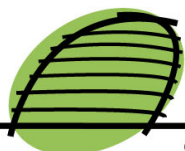
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I urge the council to now refurbish those flats sitting empty on the estates so that Londoners on the council's waiting list can be offered a home.

Yours sincerely,

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