

MAYOR OF LONDON

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Our ref: MALP/Assembly/EL

Your ref:

Date: 25th January 2015

[by email and internal mail]

Dear Jennette

**Minor Alterations to the London Plan (MALP) Housing Standards and Parking Standards
– laying drafts before the London Assembly, under S.42B of the Greater London
Authority Act 1999 (as amended)**

I write on behalf of the Mayor to formally 'lay before' the London Assembly copies of the Minor Alterations to the London Plan (MALP) as the Mayor intends to publish them. Please note there are two sets of Minor Alterations:

- Housing Standards
- Parking Standards

Under the provisions of S.42B of the Greater London Authority Act 1999 (as amended), the Mayor cannot publish (that is to say 'adopt') the MALPs if within 21 days from the date of this letter the Assembly resolves to reject the draft. This 21 day period expires on Thursday 16 February 2016. I understand that the Assembly intends to consider the MALPs at Plenary on 10 February. I and my officers will be pleased to attend this meeting to answer any questions from Members.

In May 2015 the Mayor published the draft Housing Standards and Parking Standards MALPs for public consultation. These minor alterations were prepared to bring the London Plan into line with the Government's new national housing standards and car parking policy, making good a commitment the Mayor had made in the March 2015 London Plan. In response to issues raised in consultation, the Mayor published in August and September a number of 'suggested changes' to the MALPs.

An examination in public was held into the MALPs on 21 and 22 October 2015, and on 15 December 2015 the Mayor received the report of the EiP Inspector. In his report to the Mayor, the Inspector concluded that the Housing Standards and Parking Standards MALP could be adopted provided all the suggested changes put forward by the Mayor were incorporated and that the Inspector's recommendations were accepted.

On 16 December the Mayor considered the Inspector's report and agreed to accept all of its recommendations. He also approved 'intend to publish' versions of the Housing Standards and Parking Standards MALPs for submission both to the Secretary of State and to the London Assembly.

As required under SDS Regulation 8 (8) of the Town and Country Planning (London Spatial Development Strategy) Regulations 2000, 'intend to publish' versions of the MALPs were submitted to the Secretary of State CLG on 16 December 2015, together with a schedule giving the Mayor's response to the Inspector's recommendations, and in accordance with Regulation 8 (9), on 4 January 2016 the Mayor published the Inspector's report.

The Secretary of State has six weeks within which to consider the MALPs in terms of their compliance with national planning policy and their impact on neighbouring regions, and may direct the Mayor to make further changes. If no direction is received, the Mayor may publish (ie adopt) the MALPs providing the London Assembly has not rejected them. The six week period is due to expire this Thursday 28 January. I will send you a copy of the Secretary of State's response as soon as I receive it.

For the purposes of laying the Housing Standards and Parking Standards MALPs before the Assembly, I enclose:

- the Inspector's report to the Mayor
- a schedule giving the Mayor's responses to the Inspector's recommendations
- the Mayor's letter of 16 December 2015 to the Secretary of State
- the Housing Standards Minor Alterations to the London Plan as the Mayor intends to publish them (in two versions – one showing the alterations, and the other a 'clean' copy, as for publication)
- the Parking Standards Minor Alterations to the London Plan as the Mayor intends to publish them (in two versions – one showing the alterations, and the other a 'clean' copy, as for publication)

I look forward discussing the MALPs with the Assembly at your Plenary Meeting on 10 February.

Yours sincerely



Sir Edward Lister

Chief of Staff and Deputy Mayor for Policy & Planning

Enclosures:

- MALP EiP Inspector's report
- Mayor's response to the Inspector's recommendations
- letter 16 December 2015 Mayor to the Secretary of State Communities and Local Government
- intend to publish Housing Standards MALP (copy showing the alterations)
- intend to publish Housing Standards MALP (clean copy)
- intend to publish Parking Standards MALP (copy showing the alterations)
- intend to publish Parking Standards MALP (clean copy)

cc by email with attachments:

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