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24 JUN 2016

22nd June 2016.

Dear Sadiq,

Re: Proposals for a Women's facility on the site of the former HMP Holloway

I have seen a copy of Juliet Lyon's recent letter to you. As the MP for Holloway I too have been working on a number of legacy issues, including the preservation of prison artefacts and documents and the future use of the site for housing. I too am sympathetic to the inclusion of a facility for women at risk of (re)offending in Islington Council's planning brief for the site, and of course I appreciate that this would have London-wide implications.

I attach a copy of a letter from the Justice Minister, which is not unhelpful and does not rule out the provision of a facility at Holloway. I am asking Kate Green (Shadow Minister for Women) and Jo Stevens (Shadow Prisons Minister) to take the lead for Labour on this matter in parliament.

Members of my staff recently visited the Advance Minerva project in Fulham, which could act as a model for a facility on the Holloway site. I attach the notes describing the work of the centre, which receives funding from the MoJ (via MTCNovo) and MOPAC. (There is one other London facility, the Beth in Lambeth, which operates on a different model.)

Please note that the Islington planners take the view that the entire Holloway site will need to be flattened for rebuilding and that this will include the visitors' centre. The housing on the site is likely to be several storeys high but the planners consider that a women's space with its own entrance, privacy and security (and possibly some sharing of facilities with the Council) is perfectly feasible (though you will appreciate that the Council is unlikely to be in a position to make any financial contribution).

Jennette Arnold's office was represented at the meeting with Advance Minerva and I understand that she has already tabled a question for the Police & Crime plenary on 6th July. I should be very grateful too for your assistance with taking these proposals forward.

Best regards,

Many thanks,


Jeremy Corbyn

Copies: Juliet Lyon CBE, Prison Reform Trust

Kate Green MP, Jo Stevens MP, Catherine West MP, Emily Thornberry MP

Jennette Arnold OBE AM, Sophie Linden, Deputy Mayor

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17 November 2016

Dear Sadiq

Re: Holloway Prison

Thank you for your reply earlier this year to my letter regarding the proposal for a Women's Facility on the Holloway Prison site. I wholeheartedly share your view that a strategy needs to be developed which focuses on reducing the number of female offenders being sentenced to short custodial sentences by providing more alternatives to custody.

I am also very pleased that you agree that the closure of the site offers an opportunity to do something different in London. As you are aware, a local Public Meeting regarding the future of the Holloway site is due to be held on the 25th November 2016 – and as we briefly discussed, it would be very useful for us to meet to discuss this in more detail, given the implications which this closure will have on other prisons across the UK, including in relation to future land use.

I have asked my team to be in touch with your office and look forward to meeting you as soon as is possible.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Jeremy Corbyn', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Rt Hon Jeremy Corbyn MP



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12 DEC 2017

11th December 2017

Dear Sadiq,

As you are aware the building for the previous HMP Holloway is due to be sold and this has generated much public interest from the local community, who have expressed that any future development should be of benefit to the community.

It is for this reason that I write to you in my capacity Member of Parliament for Islington North, seeking clarification on the following:

1. As Mayor of London, are you in a position to buy the site outright to guarantee public benefit from any future housing development?
2. Are you prepared to insist, in the planning process, that a very large proportion of the homes are allocated for social housing?

Islington Council has gone to enormous lengths to ensure the public has been consulted on this issue. A planning brief has been completed outlining why it is essential that any development of HMP Holloway should benefit the local residents, many of whom are in desperate need of housing. I, therefore, very much hope that the final outcome for the development takes into consideration the needs of the community.

I look forward to receiving your response.

Yours sincerely,

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MAYOR OF LONDON

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Ada Jeremy,

Thank you for your letter of the 11 December 2017 about the Ministry of Justice's (MOJ) plans to dispose of the Holloway Prison site.

Like many people in the local area, I want to see any development on this site include a significant proportion of affordable housing, including homes based on social rent levels.

There are some sites where buying it is the main way I can influence what happens there. In the case of Holloway Prison, we are in a good position to pursue my aims around affordable housing through the planning brief we worked with Islington Council to produce.

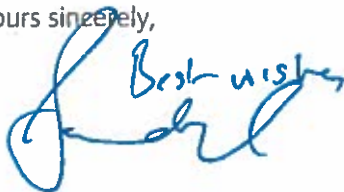
The draft brief sets a clear expectation that at least 50 per cent affordable housing should be delivered on the site. I require 50 per cent affordable housing on all land that has been released from public ownership to benefit from the 'Fast Track Route' to planning in my draft London Plan.

I wrote to the Justice Secretary to make this clear, and I further offered to assist the MOJ with their selection of a bidder, so that there can be as much certainty as possible that the right sort of homes will be delivered as quickly as possible.

The Justice Secretary has not yet decided to involve my team directly in assessing bids for the site, but he has confirmed that MOJ officials will consider carefully the number of homes, feasibility and deliverability of the proposals including how any scheme relates to affordable housing policy, when assessing the bids received.

I have asked my team to keep in touch with the MOJ about this site to do all we can to ensure the best outcome for Londoners and make sure this site includes as much genuinely affordable housing as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Best wishes


Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London

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Date: 26 JUL 2016

Dear Jeremy,

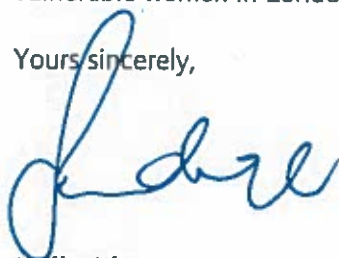
Thank you for your letter of 22 June about the proposals for a women's centre on the site of the former HMP Holloway.

I agree that the closure of Holloway prison offers an opportunity to do something different in London. It is my view that this should be a strategy that engages all partners in delivering a whole system approach to supporting female offenders. A key focus of which would be the reduction in the number of female offenders being sentenced to short custodial sentences by providing more alternatives to custody for women in London.

My Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, Sophie Linden, has approached the Ministry of Justice and will be working closely with ministers when a team is appointed to improve how women are treated in the criminal justice system.

I look forward to working with you and Jennette Arnold to ensure we secure a better future for vulnerable women in London.

Yours sincerely,



Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London



Tuesday, 22 June 2016

Dear Sadiq Khan,

We, the members of Camden Momentum, would like to congratulate you on your successful election as London Mayor. You fought a strong and honest campaign and we were all proud to be involved. Many of us knocked on doors, called people, helped people to polling stations, gave leaflets and put on events encouraging people to vote for you. We are proud to have supported the election of a Labour Mayor who we know will stand up for the issues that matter to Londoners.

This is a difficult time for many Londoners. Austerity is biting hard on the most vulnerable. Our NHS is in crises across the board. Housing is unaffordable. Social care and indeed all council services are being cut savagely by the Conservative Party.

Given the hard times Londoners face at the moment, and the wide range of vital issues that the London Mayor needs to take on, we were disappointed that you choose to use your new platform to publically criticise the Labour leadership. Your comments to the media fed, perhaps inadvertently, so much into the narrative of those inside and outside the party attacking Jeremy Corbyn. Given that hundreds of thousands of Labour members overwhelmingly elected Corbyn last year as our Party Leader, and many thousands of these worked so hard to get you elected, this seems particularly unfortunate.

Many people turned to Jeremy Corbyn last year to provide a progressive alternative to austerity. His election in 2020 will be a major victory for all Londoners. Whilst we welcome internal debate, we ask you to please avoid this kind of public criticism of the elected Labour leadership, and focus your efforts on the urgent needs of Londoners.

Best wishes,

Members of Camden Momentum (Holborn & St Pancras CLP & Hampstead & Kilburn CLP)

MAYOR OF LONDON

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See Camden Momentum


Thank you for your letter.

I am very grateful for your kind words of congratulations on my election as Mayor of London.

London is where I was born and grew up - it is a city that I love. I am honoured and humbled that this great city has put its trust in me to improve the lives of all Londoners, and I will work tirelessly over the next four years to deliver my priorities for London.

Thank you again for taking the time to write to me.

Best wishes,



Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London