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Dear Jennette

Thank you for your letter of 23 January regarding the motions agreed at the London Assembly (plenary) meeting on 16 January 2013. Please find my response below.

**Motion 1**

I am pleased to see the Assembly has welcomed the initiatives described in the consultation on a road safety plan for London.

As you are no doubt aware, Transport for London extensively funded 20mph zones in the boroughs through the LIPs programme which has resulted in dozens of such zones. As regards to the TLRN, TfL does not have a 'blanket' opposition to 20mph and does consider this on a case-by-case basis. However, as the Road Safety Plan indicates, this is an area under active, ongoing, review including in the context of my Roads Task Force. We will continue to update the Assembly on this work as it progresses in the coming months.

**Motion 2**

Turning to the Assembly's comments regarding performance management safeguards for the Government's Work Programme and my work experience pilot developed with and delivered by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP), I would like to assure the Assembly that both programmes have rigorous performance management and evaluation processes in place. It had originally been my and that of the London Skills and Employment Board's intention to develop an overarching performance management framework for the Work Programme. This included DWP providers supporting the use of the London Employability Performance Rating system.

However, it was not possible for the Work Programme providers to sign-up to the system due to the limitations of data availability set out by the DWP. In London the use of the Employability Performance Rating system has only been effective where we have been able to mandate providers to use the system through our own contracting procedures. I have no direct control over DWP funded provision in the capital and as a result am unable to impose any performance management system on its contractors. The DWP have a robust system of performance management in place and I am content with this.

I am of course committed to ensuring that the DWP provide performance information on the Work Programme. I am pleased that performance information has now been made available and that future performance updates will enable London stakeholders to assess the success of the Work Programme and to identify areas where performance can be improved. GLA Intelligence have produced a summary of performance for the results produced in November 2012 and will continue to do so as further performance information is produced.

I note the Assembly's comments about the GLA/DWP Day One Support for Young People trailblazer. I have no intention of seeking to change the mandatory element of the programme. This is a trailblazer and we are testing the approach of providing intensive support to 18-24 year olds who make a new claim to JSA and who have less than six months work history since leaving full time education at the beginning of their claim. This project is great news for many young Londoners who have no work experience or job history whilst also providing great support for local communities. The Assembly should be reassured that the evaluation framework for the Day One Support for Young People trailblazer will produce a full picture of the trailblazers performance.

### **Motion 3**

MOPAC is engaged in a large and robust consultation, which has been widely publicised. From 9 January up until the beginning of March my Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, Stephen Greenhalgh, alongside senior Metropolitan Police Service officers, have been in the boroughs hearing the views of Londoners in person.

However, the public meetings are only one part of the consultation process. The Mayor's Office for Policing And Crime (MOPAC) is running an on-line questionnaire (paper copies of which are also available), and it is possible to submit contributions by email, telephone or post. Stephen Greenhalgh is engaging through the various networks at the Greater London Authority as well as having written to a wide range of voluntary sector organisations across London. Details of the Police and Crime Plan consultation are enclosed as Appendix 1. MOPAC officers are also talking to various young peoples' fora to ensure that their views are properly represented in the plan.

### **Motion 4**

I have had discussions with the Chairman of Crossrail Limited and have been provided ironclad assurances that they are not aware of, nor have seen evidence of, blacklisting of any kind in connection with the Crossrail project.

Construction workers on the Crossrail project are employed by the principal contractors and their supply chains, not by Crossrail Limited. Nevertheless, all contractors working on the Crossrail project must comply with the Employment Relations Act 1999 (Blacklists) Regulations 2010 which explicitly outlaws the blacklisting of construction workers.

I do not condone or tolerate the blacklisting of workers, whether for raising health and safety concerns or for any other reason.

The first major contracts on the Crossrail project were awarded in December 2010. There is no connection therefore between the activities of the Consulting Association prior to its closure in 2009 and Crossrail.

Nevertheless, Crossrail Limited has asked for and received assurances from all its principal contractors that they have not engaged in any blacklisting activity on Crossrail. Crossrail Limited has also provided assurances to the trade unions setting out their commitment to taking firm, decisive and immediate action if any substantive evidence can be presented. If anyone has evidence of blacklisting, then they wish to see it and will deal with it immediately. So far, there has been none.

Finally, I am aware that you have received a response from Stephen Greenhalgh to the Assembly's motion requesting support from MOPAC to the Mehra Commission in India in its investigation into policing, victim support and prosecution of sexual assault.

Yours ever,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Boris Johnson', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

**Boris Johnson**  
Mayor of London

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## APPENDIX 1

### POLICE AND CRIME PLAN CONSULTATION

- There is a detailed and comprehensive plan for public and stakeholder consultation.
- The consultation plan is being community impact and risk assessed.
- A media strategy has been agreed and signed off by DMPC.
- The consultation period will be from 9<sup>th</sup> January until 6th March 2013.
- The consultation plan has the following main components:
  - **Publicity**, including:
    - localised mini-campaigns and tailored advertising in local newspapers linked to the Town Hall meetings (see below);
    - Direct emailing to GLA and MOPAC crime and policing contacts;
    - Use of social media to engage people interested in policing issues / the Mayor's work;
    - Using GLA external relations team to reach local leaders/representatives;
    - Events and press releases on GLA homepage (e.g. events homepage on London.gov.uk), as well as a registration page on MOPAC website pages;
    - Promotion of a link to the MOPAC webpage from council webpages.
  - **Online publication of the draft Police and Crime Plan:** The plan will be published online from 7<sup>th</sup> January 2013.
  - **Online consultation:** There will be a questionnaire available online to gather feedback on the plan. There will also be a telephone number for Londoners to provide direct feedback or seek assistance understanding the plan and completing the questionnaire. The questionnaire will be available online from 7<sup>th</sup> January until 1<sup>st</sup> March.
  - **Town-hall meetings:** There will be a Town Hall public meeting in every borough attended by DMPC and a senior Met Police Officer (normally AC/TP) and the borough commander. Local Assembly Member(s), Member(s) of Parliament and council leaders will be invited. The plan will be presented and there will be opportunities for people to ask questions of the DMPC and AC/TP. These events will be advertised across London's diverse communities and every effort will be made to ensure that they are accessible for all. The meetings will be facilitated by teams of MOPAC staff (see the below list of dates and locations). There will be a final wrap-up event at City Hall on 28 February 2013, intended for consultees not able to make it to other events and to bring all of the consultation events together.

- **Invitations:** All stakeholders will be invited to the Town Hall meetings by letter during w/c 10<sup>th</sup> December. An email notification will be sent to all consultation contacts during the first week of January 2013.
- **Focus groups:** In 2012 the MOPAC held a series of focus groups for Londoners to identify their policing priorities and how they wished to be engaged. In addition to several general focus groups held across London boroughs, a number of events were targeted at specific communities which included Black and Minority Ethnic (BME); Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual and Transgender (LGBT); disabled; young people; Jewish; and Gypsy and Traveller community members and representatives. The information gathered from these events has been used to inform the draft of the Police and Crime Plan. Information and questionnaires on the Police & Crime Plan will be disseminated through the MOPACs and GLAs extensive network of contacts. This will include those representatives that took part in the earlier focus groups held in 2012.
- **Consulting advocacy groups:** Groups representing the interests of specific groups, particularly victims, will be consulted about the plan during the consultation period. These groups will be asked to suggest improvements to the plan and to use their networks to help provide further feedback. (see end for a list of networks).
- **Police and Crime Committee:** The Police and Crime Committee of the London Assembly will be consulted during the consultation period.
- **The Metropolitan Police Commissioner:** The MPS will have been consulted during the drafting of the plan and the Commissioner will be consulted on the final draft.
- **Other relevant organisations and responsible bodies** – these will be other GLA functional bodies, LFEPA, TfL, the London Legacy Development Corporation, the Corporation of London, and City of London Police.

Analysis of feedback: The feedback received from all sources will be analysed by MOPAC staff. This analysis will be used as the basis for the final draft of the plan.

## Borough Consultation Meetings

The following is a list of the organised borough based meetings which will consider the Police and Crime Plan. There is one per borough. These will be well publicised and held in a central location within the borough.

|     |                                   |                       |          |
|-----|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|----------|
| 1.  | Lambeth                           | 9th January           | 6-7pm    |
| 2.  | Southwark                         | 9th January           | 8-9pm    |
| 3.  | Harrow                            | 10th January          | 6-7pm    |
| 4.  | Brent                             | 10th January          | 8-9pm    |
| 5.  | Barnet                            | 14th January          | 6-7pm    |
| 6.  | Enfield                           | 14th January          | 8-9pm    |
| 7.  | Islington                         | 22nd January          | 6-7pm    |
| 8.  | Camden                            | 22nd January          | 8-9pm    |
| 9.  | Hackney                           | 24th January          | 6-7pm    |
| 10. | Tower Hamlets                     | 24th January          | 8-9pm    |
| 11. | Bromley                           | 28th January          | 6-7pm    |
| 12. | Lewisham                          | 28th January          | 8-9pm    |
| 13. | Bexley                            | 29th January          | 6-7pm    |
| 14. | Greenwich                         | 29th January          | 8-9pm    |
| 15. | Westminster                       | 31st January          | 5-6pm    |
| 16. | K and C                           | 31st January          | 8-9pm    |
| 17. | Hammersmith and Fulham            | 5th February          | 6-7pm    |
| 18. | Ealing                            | 5th February          | 8-9pm    |
| 19. | Hillingdon                        | 6th February          | 6-7pm    |
| 20. | Hounslow                          | 6th February          | 8-9pm    |
| 21. | Newham                            | 11th February         | 6-7pm    |
| 22. | Redbridge                         | 11th February         | 8-9pm    |
| 23. | Sutton                            | 12th February         | 6-7pm    |
| 24. | Croydon                           | 12th February         | 8-9pm    |
| 25. | Waltham Forest                    | 25th February         | 6-7pm    |
| 26. | Haringey                          | 25th February         | 8-9pm    |
| 29. | Merton                            | 26th February         | 6-7pm    |
| 30. | Wandsworth                        | 26th February         | 8-9pm    |
| 31. | Kingston                          | 27th February         | 6-7pm    |
| 32. | Richmond                          | 27th February         | 8-9pm    |
| 33. | Final wrap-up event,<br>City Hall | 28th February         | 6-7:30pm |
| 27. | Barking and Dagenham              | 4 <sup>th</sup> March | 6-7pm    |
| 28. | Havering                          | 4 <sup>th</sup> March | 8-9pm    |

**Consulting Advocacy Groups**

Independent Advisory Groups (IAGs)

Police Staff Associations

CPEGs

Community Monitoring Groups

Stop & Search Boards

Hate Crime Coordinators

ICVs

Previous participants of MOPACs 2012 focus groups

MOPAC DV contacts

MOPAC Gang contacts

MOPAC Road show contacts

GLA LGBT Network

GLA Older Peoples Network

GLA BME Network

GLA Deaf and disabled peoples Network

GLA Migrant and refugee Network

UK Disabled Peoples Council

SCOPE (also acts as a portal site linking many support organisations)

Mencap

Stonewall

Galop

Lesbian & Gay foundation

Imaan

LGBT London (portal organisation linking many support groups)

Partnership for Young London

Irish and Traveller Movement

Jewish Community Safety Trust (CST)

Black Media Network

Not Another Drop

The Monitoring Group

Further work is currently under way to ensure that youth and faith groups are properly consulted.