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See Leonie

Thank you for sending the Environment Committee's response to the first round of consultation on my proposals for improving air quality in London. I am very grateful for the leadership you and the committee have shown on air quality in recent years and found your response comprehensive and helpful.

I am glad that the committee is generally supportive of my proposals. Improving air quality is a vital issue of huge importance to the future of all Londoners and it is essential that we work together to ensure that the most ambitious policies possible are in place.

My team is now considering your response, alongside nearly 15,000 other responses we received during the consultation process. This was a record for a GLA consultation of this type. These responses will inform the next round of consultation, which will be starting in the autumn.

I appreciate the Committee made some very specific comments and asked a number of questions in their response. I understand that Val Shawcross, my Deputy Mayor for Transport, will be attending the Committee's next meeting on 15 September, and I would suggest that she responds to some of these then. This will allow for a more interactive, informative and beneficial discussion of these important points than would be possible in this letter.

In the meantime, I hope the committee will be reassured by my announcement in August of a new approach to alerting Londoners about the very worst air pollution episodes, including on the day before an episode, using Transport for London bus countdown signs, Tube station entry information boards and the dot-matrix signs alongside major roads.

Thank you again for responding to the consultation and for your support of my proposals.

Yours sincerely,

Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London