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City Hall
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Dear Sadiq

Re: Draft New London Plan – The London Cancer Hub

We are writing to update you on our ambitious plans to create a truly world-leading life-science district specialising in cancer research, treatment, education and enterprise in London, and ask that the New London Plan be updated to reflect the progress that we have made.

We were delighted to see that The London Cancer Hub was referenced in the draft New London Plan, section 2.1.68, saying: *The proposal to extend the Tram to Sutton Town Centre, and potentially beyond to the proposed Cancer Hub, would improve public transport accessibility to the town centre and St. Helier Hospital, and support the delivery of at least 10,000 homes.*

We welcome the recognition of the importance of the tram development to supporting local growth. Delivering our ambitious vision will require significant enhancement to public transport so your support on this greatly appreciated.

However, much has progressed with The London Cancer Hub project since you visited us in 2016, and we would welcome an update to the text above to remove the word 'proposed' to the name of the hub as work on the development is now well underway and we see this project as much more than a proposal.

Since your visit, the Council has invested £28.1 million to purchase the additional land required for the project – doubling the area available for our cancer research and commercial enterprise. The London Cancer Hub partnership has now appointed commercial advisers to identify and attract the partners we need to begin the next wave of development.

On the existing land already owned by the partners, work has already begun on two new buildings. Site works began in September for The Institute of Cancer Research's Centre for Cancer Drug Discovery – a new, state-of-the-art drug discovery facility – and a key part of The London Cancer Hub's aim to accelerate delivery of new cancer treatments.

In addition, building work is now underway on the £40m Harris Academy Sutton – a science-specialist school on the site that is set to be completed next September – for which

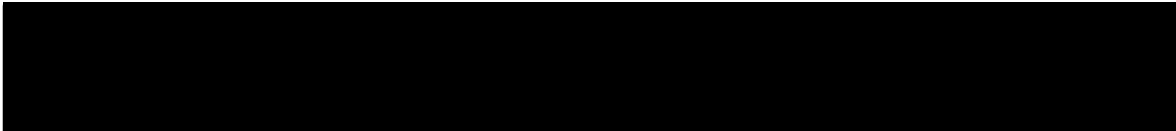
the proximity to the pioneering scientists, doctors and technicians of The London Cancer Hub will support its primary specialism in life science.

We are excited to reach these important milestones in creating The London Cancer Hub, by breaking ground on building projects and unlocking the site for further development with the additional land purchase.

We would welcome an update to the London Plan to call the project 'The London Cancer Hub' rather than 'the proposed Cancer Hub' in recognition of this major progress that we have made.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely



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