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Dear Mick.

I am writing to offer the Old Oak Neighbourhood Forum's support for the Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation's (OPDC's) Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF) bid to deliver the Old Oak North Programme.

As our Old Oak Neighbourhood Forum was designated in early 2018, we are in the process of developing our neighbourhood plan for our Neighbourhood Area, which is in close proximity to the Old Oak North Programme area.

The Old Oak Neighbourhood Forum supports the benefits that the public sector investment in the Old Oak North Programme provided through the HIF would bring to support the delivery of this important phase of Old Oak's wider regeneration.

This funding will play a hugely-important role in in securing the delivery of new homes to help meet London and local area's combined housing needs. Investment in housing as part of the Old Oak North Programme will also complement HS2's development of the new Old Oak Common station, which we understand is the UK's largest rail station project for more than a century.

These exciting construction and regeneration opportunities and the Old Oak North Programme together present a wonderful opportunity to kick-start the transformation of brownfield land into an exciting and uniquely well-connected new quarter of London.

We hope that this funding can be used deliver new homes and jobs at a strategic and sustainable level. We note that while the Mayor has outlined very ambitious housing targets, our Neighbourhood Forum, having consulted locally and with external academics, believes that the final total should be slightly reduced. Our opinion is that some further studies will be needed before final housing outcomes are agreed and we look forward to working with the OPDC and its advisers on this task.

The Old Oak North Programme areas sits on the doorstep of a deprived part of London with some local areas being among the most disadvantaged in the country. Investment by Government in this programme is essential to delivering many of the priorities in the OPDC's Local Plan and benefiting surrounding communities.

Your sincerely,

the Old Oak Neighbourhood Forum