Dear Mayor Khan,

Re: Confirmation of Paris Agreement Compatible Climate Action Plan

I would like to congratulate London on its commitments to help deliver the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement. Cities can make a significant contribution to limiting temperature rise to no more than 1.5 degrees Celsius above the preindustrial average, to do so global city emissions have to peak by 2020, then decline to an average of three metric tonnes CO2e per capita by 2030, and hit zero by 2050.

The London Environment Strategy and associated documents detail how the GLA will deliver, partner and collaborate to achieve net zero emissions on 1990 levels by 2050. With collaboration with national government and implementation by the private sector, by 2030, London will be on pathway to bring per capita emissions down to well below 2 metric tonnes CO2e per capita, and even under 3 tonnes CO2e per capita as early as 2020.

Achieving this will bring tangible benefits such as: jobs, economic savings and better health and well-being to Londoners. C40 and stakeholders look forward to seeing the results from implementing actions and will track London’s contribution the global carbon budget.

We welcome London’s leadership on C40’s Deadline 2020 pilot programme. We look forward to London sharing its great work with the network of C40 cities.

Your sincerely,

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