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Dear Jonathan,

**Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended);
Greater London Authority Acts 1999 and 2007;
Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations
2012**

**RE: Kensington & Chelsea Local Plan Partial Review - Further
Modifications Consultation April 2018**

Thank you for consulting the Mayor of London on the Proposed Further Modifications (April 2018) of the partial review of your Local Plan. As you are aware, under section 24 (1)(b) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, all development plan documents must be in general conformity with the London Plan. It is considered that with the proposed Further Modifications (April 2018), the Kensington & Chelsea Local Plan Partial Review remains in general conformity with the London Plan.

On 16 March 2017 the Mayor provided comments on the Regulation 19 version of the draft Plan (ref:LDF20/LDD20/KR01) and in November 2017 the initial proposed Further Modifications (ref:LDF20/LDD20/CG01).

The proposed further modifications seek to address the under delivery of housing in recent years (341 completed dwellings in 2015/16 and 388 dwellings in 2016/17), against the Council's housing target of 7,330 for the period 2015-2025 as set out in Table 3.1 of the London Plan. This is a 10 year housing monitoring target based on the London SHLAA 2013, however Policy 3.3D of the London Plan states that the target should be rolled forward. The Mayor supports the inclusion of the un-delivered housing numbers in the rolled forward housing target resulting in a target of 10,218 dwellings (852 dwellings per year), including a 5% buffer, over the remaining 12 years of the Plan period. As stated in paragraph 3.19A of the London Plan, in order to support the range of activities and functions required in London, buffers should not lead to approval of schemes which compromise the need to secure sustainable development in line with the NPPF. In this regard, the Mayor has no objection to the use of a revised buffer of 5% instead of a 20% buffer.

Kensington and Chelsea has demonstrated a housing supply trajectory of 4,410 dwellings for the first five years (882 dwellings per year). Beyond this (years 6 -12) where the borough is aiming to find additional capacity, Kensington and Chelsea has identified a capacity of 4,569 units. In this regard, the borough has input into the London SHLAA 2017 and from 2019/20 will have a revised housing target of 4,880 over 10 years as set out in Table 4.1 of the draft new London

Plan based on the housing capacity in the borough. In addition, Kensington and Chelsea has committed to an early review (within five years of the adoption of this Local Plan).

Next stages

I hope that these comments can inform the Examination of Kensington and Chelsea's Local Plan – Partial Review. If you would like to discuss any of my representations in more detail, please contact Celeste Giusti (020 7983 4811) who will be happy to discuss any of the issues raised.

Yours sincerely



 **Juliemma McLoughlin**
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