# **MAYOR OF LONDON**

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## Re: Old Kent Road Area Action Plan and Bakerloo Line Extension

Many thanks for your letter of 3 September 2018 and the associated maps and tables that set out and confirm the agreed means for Southwark, the GLA and TfL to deliver the scale of change and quality we want to see for Old Kent Road. This agreement is very welcome, and I believe places us in the best position to continue to make the case for BLE funding to Government. May I therefore thank you and your officers for the positive approach shown to date to address and reconcile these very challenging issues.

There are though a number of matters the AAP and on-going officer dialogue will need to address, but I am confident these final matters can be fully resolved over the coming months.

### These include:

- When precisely the 9,500 new Phase 1 homes are counted from, confirmation that this figure
  is a total cap and that it includes new homes from all sources, (for example small sites, or not
  yet identified sites), bearing in mind that TfL's technical analysis uses 2011 as its base
  position.
- The best means to monitor and review delivery of these new homes.
- The wording of proposed Grampian agreements to be applied to Phase 2 developments.
- The best way for the AAP to reflect the BLE station requirements and for new development to accommodate BLE tunnel requirements.
- The process to ensure the next iteration of the AAP will provide the strongest possible justification for this approach and include clear phasing and placemaking criteria.

- The nature and extent of transport infrastructure required to support Phase 1 development in advance of the BLE (e.g. bus enhancements, Healthy Streets, active travel, cycling and walking) - and their funding.
- BLE funding in general.
- How the conclusions of the joint Design Reviews and the various technical studies Southwark
  are currently undertaking will also be reflected in the next iteration of the APP, for example
  public open space and other social infrastructure such as schools and health provision.
- Precise Town Centre boundaries and your suggestion that they include a number of existing (more out of town format) retail sites.

It would therefore be very helpful if your officers could continue to liaise with their GLA and TfL counterparts to discuss and resolve these final outstanding matters.

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