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Dear Philip, John, Clare & Robin,

Thank you for your letter of 22 May regarding the future of the London Legacy Development Corporation (LLDC).

You rightly highlight the successful regeneration that has been achieved by LLDC, working in partnership with the four boroughs and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your leadership in contributing to this work.

It is essential that these achievements are sustained and indeed taken further, for the benefit of current and future residents of east London, as well as those visiting the area. It is our responsibility to ensure that this happens.

I am clear that LLDC, as a Mayoral Development Corporation, has a time-limited role which should not be unnecessarily prolonged. We need to identify both the best model to succeed it and when and how that transition should occur. It is important to me that we work closely with the four local boroughs to identify and evaluate the options available, including the suggestion of an earlier transfer of Planning powers.

Following consultation with the London Assembly, as required by law, I have now formally appointed Sir Peter Hendy as LLDC chair. I intend that he will work on plans to secure the long-term future of the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, collaborating with my Chief of Staff, David Bellamy, my Deputy Mayor for Planning, Regeneration and Skills, Jules Pipe, yourselves and other relevant stakeholders such as the Lee Valley Regional Park Authority.

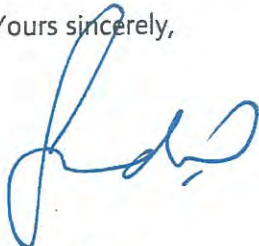
The viability of options for the Park's long-term future is absolutely dependent on its finances (as distinct from one-off development expenditure incurred by LLDC). As LLDC board members, you will be aware of the work that is ongoing in this regard, in particular relating to the London Stadium.

My view is that there are currently significant uncertainties and we need to understand with greater confidence the Park's future financial picture. Having achieved this, we can then work in partnership to assess the options that may exist for its long-term ownership.

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Please do share any specific thoughts you may have at this stage with Sir Peter, David and Jules.

Yours sincerely,



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Mayor of London

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Dear Sadiq,

Future of the London Legacy Development Corporation


Picking up on recent conversations, we are writing to request a meeting to discuss the future of the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park.

After five years of intensive and successful regeneration following the 2012 Olympic & Paralympic Games, led by LLDC, now would be a timely moment for the GLA and the London Boroughs of Hackney, Newham, Tower Hamlets and Waltham Forest, along with LVRPA, to discuss the future governance of the Park and the future of the Development Corporation itself.

In addition the imminent appointment of a new Chair for LLDC means it is also an opportune moment for us to discuss our ideas at an early stage of his/her tenure.

Hackney has a provisional proposal for a two phase approach to the future arrangements for the long term management and oversight of this significant public asset. The proposal would also secure the long term delivery of the social, economic and environmental objectives for the Park.

Phase one is the return of Planning and Development Control powers to the four Boroughs. The strategic cross-borough work by the Corporation's Planning, Policy and Decisions Team is reaching a successful conclusion. The emphasis for Planning is becoming more focused on social and environmental integration with surrounding communities and neighbourhoods, and the Boroughs are well placed and experienced in curating successful integrated development.



Phase two applies to the Corporation itself and we know it is important to give sufficient time to effectively identify any risks and liabilities, well in advance if there is to be an orderly transfer of governance.

The work led on by the Corporation, from establishing masterplans and development objectives to contracting development partners and bringing forward the infrastructure that connects neighbourhoods with the Park, will reach a natural stage to be handed over, once the Culture and Education District and residential neighbourhoods are established. The future tasks of ongoing integration, public service delivery and management are well within the experience and capacity of the Boroughs and the GLA.

To this end we propose establishing a transitional management and administrative working group to discuss and define the future roles and responsibilities post Development Corporation. The working group would be led by yourself and include the Boroughs, the GLA, the Lee Valley Regional Park Authority and the Chair of the Development Corporation.

We would welcome a meeting with yourself and our colleagues copied into this letter to discuss these proposals and agree how best to work alongside the new Chair of the LLDC in order to facilitate an agreed way forward.

Yours sincerely,



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