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Dear Ian,

RE: East London Joint Waste Plan Examination Response to the Inspector's Matters, Issues and Questions

Thank you for inviting written statements in advance of Examination in Public of the East London Joint Waste Plan (ELJWP).

Please read this statement in conjunction with the Mayor's response to the Regulation 19 consultation dated 30th June 2025, and the Statement of Common Ground signed in February 2026. These documents set out the areas where the GLA have outstanding concerns, with key aspects being the policy approach set out in JWP2 and the sharing of surplus capacity.

If you have any specific questions in relation to this Statement, please contact Amy Tempest at 



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Matter 3: Safeguarded sites and sites to be released from waste use

Sites released from safeguarding

- 1. Paragraph 9.8.6 of the London Plan expects that Boroughs with surplus of waste sites should offer to share these sites with those Boroughs facing a shortfall in capacity before considering site release – is the Plan’s approach in general conformity with this expectation?**
- 2. Paragraph 9.8.7 of the London Plan sets out that Boroughs should aim to meet their waste apportionment as a minimum (as set out at Table 9.1 of the London Plan) and will need to agree the transfer of apportioned waste where this is not possible. Within the context of the release of sites, what consideration has been made of Boroughs that are unable to meet their own apportionments?**
- 3. Is the approach of releasing sites from safeguarding in general conformity with the London Plan? Are paragraphs 6.29 and 6.37 of the Plan in general conformity with the approach to site release set out in Policy SI 9 and paragraphs 9.9.2 and 9.9.3 of the London Plan?**

The Mayor’s position on the matter of sharing surplus capacity with boroughs who are unable to meet their apportionment requirements remains as set out in the Regulation 19 response and the Statement of Common Ground.

Since the Regulation 19 consultation and the signing of the Statement of Common Ground (SD27), the London Borough of Tower Hamlets has prepared a further evidence base study which sought to identify whether industrial sites within Tower Hamlets are suitable to accommodate additional waste facilities to support in achieving apportionment requirements. This study concluded that there was only one site that could be suitable to accommodate a waste site and identified that the site was also subject to a site allocation for residential uses. It is understood that this document has been shared with the East London Boroughs to support further discussions about the sharing of surplus capacity.