

Appendix B

Mayor of London

LONDON INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN 2050

The authorities signatory to this letter appreciate that in the absence of a London Plan with a 2050 time horizon there is a need for the LIP to explore alternative spatial scenarios for how London's future population might be accommodated and what these might mean for infrastructure capacity and provision. However, they have very significant concerns that the LIP and its supporting documentation have made some quite specific assumptions about potential locations of growth beyond London outside the statutory planning process and without the involvement of local authorities beyond the Capital.

It is the London Plan, not the LIP, which is the main vehicle for seeking a consensus on how London should grow in the future. The next main long term review of the London Plan is expected to be complete by 2019/20. Should that process identify a demonstrable need for the wider south east to make a contribution to meeting London's growing population and should there be agreement that that should happen, that would require substantial political and technical collaboration within the statutory planning framework.

In advance of that collaboration the authorities take the view that all references within the LIP and supporting material that point to specific locations outside London other than in a very generic way ('to the north, south, east of west' or broad, indicative arrows) – whether they be text or map-based – should be removed.

Yours sincerely.

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Vice Chair, GLA Strategic Spatial Planning Liaison Group, on behalf of the local authorities listed overleaf

Aylesbury Vale District	Reading Borough
Bedford Borough	Reigate and Banstead Borough
Braintree District	Rochford District
Bracknell Forest	Runnymede
Broxbourne Borough	City and District of St Albans
Buckinghamshire County	Slough Borough
Castle Point Borough	South Bucks District
Central Bedfordshire	Spelthorne Borough
Chiltern District	Stevenage Borough
Colchester Borough	Surrey County
Crawley Borough	Surrey Heath Borough
Dacorum Borough	Tandridge District
East Herts District	Tendring District
Elmbridge Borough	Three Rivers District
Epping Forest District	Thurrock
Epsom and Ewell Borough	Uttlesford District
Essex County	Watford Borough
Guildford Borough	Waverley Borough
Hertfordshire County	Welwyn Hatfield District
Hertsmere Borough	West Berkshire
Horsham District	West Sussex County
Maldon District	Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead
Mid Sussex District	Woking Borough
Milton Keynes	Wokingham Borough
Mole Valley District	Wycombe District
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