

New Southwark Plan Examination

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Dear Juliet Seymour,

Publication London Plan

On 21 December 2020 the Mayor of London issued the 'Publication London Plan' which seeks to address the 13 directions from the Secretary of State (March 2020 and December 2020). The Secretary of State has indicated that he intends to respond to the Mayor's request by 1 February 2021.

We appreciate that at various formal consultation stages on the New Southwark Plan, the Mayor has made comment on, amongst other things, the general conformity of the New Southwark Plan with the London Plan, including on 23 October 2020 as part of the recent consultation on the Council's Proposed Changes. The Mayor has also signed a Statement of Common Ground in April 2020 in respect of the New Southwark Plan [Doc SCG13].

It would be of assistance to the examination if the Council could give consideration as to whether the latest Publication London Plan raises any additional matters of soundness for the New Southwark Plan that require attention. This could be undertaken either as part of the Council's response to our Matters, Issues & Questions (principally questions 1.8/1.9) or in a separate statement (possibly as a further Statement of Common Ground with the Mayor). We note that in the Council's response to the recent Proposed Changes consultation, including to Policies SP4 (and P28), that consideration may be given to a further modification to clarify the intention/implementation of the New Southwark Plan in light of the comments submitted by the Mayor. If that is to be the case, any proposed modification would need to be discussed during the appropriate hearing session.

Yours sincerely,

David Spencer & Philip Mileham

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