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Dear Mayor of London,

Towards a new London Plan

Railfuture is Britain's leading and longest-established national independent voluntary organisation campaigning exclusively for a better railway across a bigger network for passenger and freight users, to support economic (housing and productivity) growth, environmental improvement and better-connected communities. We seek to influence decision makers at local, regional and national levels to implement pro-rail policies in development and transport planning.

Section 1 – The London Plan – Introduction

No particular comments.

Section 2 – Increasing London's Housing Supply

If it will be the case that the emphasis for future locations for new homes will be on where they can be built rather than where they're needed, then that must have a decisive influence on the locations for capital investment in new and enhanced infrastructure to expand those communities' connectivity with sustainable transport at the appropriate scale.

Section 3 – Growing London's Economy

Although insufficient in itself for a higher-performing and more equitable economy, a high-connectivity and growing-capacity, and principally public, transport network is nevertheless a necessary precondition for a growing economy.

Section 4 – London's capacity for growth and design quality

No particular comments.

Section 5 – London's infrastructure, climate change and resilience

We endorse the scale of ambitions for the Docklands Light Rail extension to Thamesmead, the Bakerloo line extension to Lewisham, the next Overground extension ie West London Orbital which is vital for the connectivity of the Old Oak and Park Royal Opportunity Area, London Trams, Western Access and Southern Link from Heathrow, and Crossrail 2.

Yours faithfully,

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