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Dear Ms. Whelehan

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**Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended); Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2012
Haringey Council Local Development Framework: Core Strategy (Submission Stage)
Consultation on Inspector's proposed Main Modifications**

Thank you for your email of 31 August 2012 consulting the GLA on the Planning Inspector's recommended modifications to the above development plan document, following the Haringey Core Strategy examination hearing. I acknowledge that the modifications proposed are indicative at this stage, pending publication of the Inspector's final report.

I note that the vast majority of the modifications have been proposed by the Council, and relate to matters of effectiveness, justification and consistency with national policy and the London Plan, on which my officers have previously been consulted.

I note also, however, that the Inspector has proposed a main modification of his own (Ref 28), with respect to Core Strategy/Local Plan Policy SP8 and associated employment land designations. Having reviewed the table of modifications, and the Inspector's subsequent advice of 24 August 2012, I understand that the effect of the modification proposed would be to revert the employment land designations to that of the May 2010 Pre-Submission Core Strategy, rather than adopting the Council's revised local designations proposed in November 2010, which were subsequently refined through the schedule of focused changes March 2011. I note, therefore, that whilst the Strategic Industrial Location (SIL) designations within the borough will be taken forward in general conformity with the London Plan, the SIL boundaries would not reflect the aspirations for managed release at Tottenham Hale as part of the strategically coordinated process of SIL consolidation, promoted through the consultation draft Upper Lee Valley (expected to be published in November 2012), and discussed in the Mayor's representations of 30 November 2010.

The approach to SIL consolidation within the draft OAPF represents the Mayor's aspiration for employment land management within the Upper Lee Valley, and has been developed in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework, the London Plan, and the Mayor's Supplementary Planning Guidance *Land for Industry and Transport* (2012). Nevertheless, the Inspector's reasoning

for this modification to the Haringey Core Strategy is noted, and his recommendation that the hierarchy of employment sites within the borough should be further reviewed through a forthcoming development plan document, such as the intended Site Allocation DPD, is strongly supported. Where possible, the GLA would welcome the inclusion of a line in support of Policy SP8 expressing that the Council will consider the boundary and function of employment land within the Tottenham Hale SIL through a subsequent DPD, in line with the strategically coordinated process of SIL consolidation promoted by the Upper Lee Valley OAPF.

In conclusion, and for the avoidance of doubt, the GLA's view, expressed within the Mayor's revised statement of general conformity dated 20 April 2011, and the subsequent statement of common ground between Haringey Council and the GLA, dated 31 May 2011, is that the Haringey Core Strategy is in general conformity with the London Plan. The modifications proposed do not affect this view.

If you wish to discuss these comments, or any of the representations previously made by the Mayor, please contact Graham Clements (graham.clements@london.gov.uk / 020 7983 4265).

Yours sincerely



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