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Dear Ian

Proposed sub-regions for future engagement between the GLA Group and London Boroughs and City of London Corporation

Since early 2005, our engagement meetings between the GLA Group and boroughs have taken place broadly on the basis of the sub-regions as outlined in the London Plan.

As you are aware from the Planning for a Better London document, some thought is being given revising the current 'pizza-slice' boundaries and we are now looking at what boundaries might be suitable primarily for engagement and potential investment purposes. The intention of writing to you now is to try and clarify a GLA Group approach and build on the conversations and correspondence you have already been having and have received from the LDA and TfL. This is also very much a proposal at this stage and I am keen to hear suggestions and comments from boroughs and other partners.

A final decision about reorganisation of sub-regional boundaries must necessarily await the statutory processes to amend the London Plan and an examination in public. However, whilst not wishing to pre-empt that process, I suggest the enclosed map illustrating a change in boundaries for your comments. This proposal is to shape the GLA engagement and funding mechanisms for the present. I must stress though that for planning purposes, the sub-regional boundaries will remain as per the adopted London Plan policy until the alteration process has been followed through and this proposal is at this time for engagement and funding purposes.

The rationale for this suggestion is based on both comments from some partners during the last London Plan alteration process and to reflect to a greater extent the partnership arrangements that already exist and to which all boroughs and many other organisations pay subscription to and support.

I am also fully aware Peter Hendy has already written to boroughs outlining 'fuzzy' boundaries for the purposes of engagement, which are largely reflected here and I have had sight of some of your comments on this, and that Peter Rogers has been in discussions with borough Chief Executives and London Councils to suggest structures of engagement.

I must also stress that whilst the formulation of sub-regional boundaries are of use in terms of engagement and investment purposes, this does not preclude suggestions from either the GLA, boroughs or other partners to develop different groupings based on projects or issues that may be of fundamental importance and that are based on short or long term development opportunities and interests. The MAA negotiations in East London are one example of this as are the development opportunities along the M11 in North London.

I look forward to hearing your views on this and would ask that you send your comments and views to Erica Ballmann (Erica.ballmann@london.gov.uk), by November 21st.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sir Simon Milton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sir Simon Milton
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