## **MAYOR OF LONDON**

Gareth Bacon AM

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**Date:** 18 June 2015

Dear Gareth

## Disposal of the former fire station site at Kingsland – letter of comfort

On 18 June 2015, I issued a direction (the Direction) to the London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority (LFEPA) in relation to the disposal of the former fire station site at Kingsland to the Secretary of State via the Education Funding Agency (EFA).

In considering whether to issue the Direction, I took into account the representations made to me by LFEPA and, in particular, its concerns as to the potential for legal challenge in relation to the disposal to the EFA which may be brought by third parties.

I confirm, based on the specific circumstances of the Direction, that if any legal proceedings are made against LFEPA following the issue of the Direction, I will increase the Greater London Authority's (GLA) funding to LFEPA so as to cover legal costs which are reasonably incurred by it in defending the legal proceedings, to cover any settlement approved by the GLA, or to cover any damages awarded against it by a court.

Any such increase in funding will be subject to such conditions, including as to the conduct of any legal proceedings, as I consider appropriate at the time.

Yours ever,

**Boris Johnson**Mayor of London