



BOROUGH OF BROXBOURNE

Councillor Mark Mills-Bishop
Leader of the Borough

1 March 2018

Mr Sadiq Khan
The Mayor of London
City Hall
The Queen's Walk
London SE1 2AA

Dear Mr Mayor

The London Plan

Broxbourne welcomes this opportunity to comment on the London Plan and would wish to congratulate you on producing a thorough and well written document that will operate as a clear framework for the sustainable development of London over the next 20-25 years. The Plan is a well-balanced integration between development, place making and protection of the Capital's environmental and heritage assets. This Council particularly supports the aim of the London Plan for 100% of London's waste to be managed within London by 2026, for London to be a carbon zero city by 2050 and for 80% of all trips in London to be made by foot, cycle or public transport by 2041 .

Broxbourne is delighted that London is seeking to meet its current development needs within its borders whilst continuing to protect the Green Belt and London's metropolitan green spaces . This helps to relieve the growing pressure on this and other home county boroughs and districts that have witnessed major increases in their housing needs. Those recent increases have been largely generated through the government's migration projections which contain substantial out-migration from London and as a result, Broxbourne will already be helping to house large numbers of Londoners. Ironically, this Council must release significant areas of the Metropolitan Green Belt to meet this increased need. The consequent ability of London to protect the Green Belt within its borders is a consequence of our sacrifice.

I regret that Broxbourne is unable to contemplate any further Green Belt releases to meet London's housing needs, either directly or through the Government's migration

Tel: 01992 785555 ext 5646 E-mail: cll.m.mills-bishop@broxbourne.gov.uk

"planning". Its urban and suburban areas are also constrained with no potential to meet more than Broxbourne's own needs in the future. However, there are mutual economic opportunities which I outline further on in this response.

Broxbourne is the northern terminus of the proposed Crossrail 2 and contains four stations along the proposed route – existing stations at Broxbourne, Cheshunt and Waltham Cross and a proposed new station at Turnford. This Council endorses your prioritisation of this key infrastructure project within the London Plan and will continue to work towards its delivery as well as the early implementation of four tracking of the West Anglia mainline. I look forward to a continuing dialogue to fully realise the benefits of Crossrail 2.

Broxbourne notes the identification of the Lee Valley Opportunity Area as one of London's key growth areas and the protection of strategic industrial land within it. It also notes the emphasis being placed on freight and logistics within this corridor. This Borough has a history of logistics developments but is unable to make any further significant contributions to the growth of this sector. Rather, this Borough's planning and economic strategies concentrate on technological sectors such as life sciences and digital and media. Broxbourne already plays an active role in the London Stansted Cambridge Corridor consortium and would be delighted to place some of its key economic development areas within the Med City and Strategic Outer London Development Centre concepts that are strongly advocated within the London Plan. Broxbourne is promoting a corridor of business investment opportunities at Park Plaza (M25, junction 25), Brookfield Riverside (a strategic position for a new borough centre on the A10 at the heart of Broxbourne), Cheshunt Lakeside (a mixed use development centred on the former Tesco headquarters on the Crossrail 2 route) and through the renaissance of Waltham Cross. I look to your advice on how we can best work together to promote these opportunities through London's wider strategic business activities.

In summary, Broxbourne endorses the London Plan and looks forward to working with you to implement our mutual ambitions to strengthen London's global position at the centre of the wider city region and Broxbourne's position as a sustainable, economically resilient and beautiful borough that will play a major supporting role in the future of your city.

Yours sincerely

Councillor Mark Mills-Bishop
Leader - Borough of Broxbourne
