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**To:** Your Views  
**Subject:** Mayor's London Plan (A City for all Londoners)

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am responding on behalf of Highways England to your call for feedback on the document Mayor's London Plan (A City for all Londoners).

Highways England has been appointed by the Secretary of State for Transport as a strategic highway company under the provisions of the Infrastructure Act 2015 and is the highway authority, traffic authority and street authority for the Strategic Road Network in England (SRN). The SRN is a critical national asset and as such Highways England works to ensure that it operates and is managed in the public interest, both in respect of current activities and needs as well as in providing effective stewardship of its long-term operation and integrity.

We will be concerned with proposals within the emerging London Plan and associated documents that have the potential to impact on the safe and efficient operation of the SRN, in this case principally the M1, M11, M25, and M4 within Greater London and all the trunk roads and motorways surrounding London.

We note the significant increase in development proposed in Outer London. We welcome the emphasis on sustainable travel. Also the increase in housing provision within London has the potential to reduce the need for travel by reducing commuting from outside London. However housing zoned in proximity to the SRN and its junctions will be attractive to households wishing or needing to commute by car particularly to locations outside London which do not benefit from the excellent public transport that exists within London.

The London Plan therefore needs to assess the impact of the plan proposals on the SRN including those parts outside Greater London and in particular on the M25. Plan proposals that fail to do this may otherwise be undeliverable.

We welcome the intention stated in the document to work with infrastructure providers, large and small, to try to develop a common strategic investment programme for the capital and would propose an early meeting between us.

I trust that the above comments are of assistance to you and look forward to our continued involvement with the development of your Plan.

We ask that consultations on spatial planning matters are sent to our mailbox [planningse@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:planningse@highwaysengland.co.uk).

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