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Dear Sirs,

On reading the Mayor's new vision for London document 'A City for all Londoners' I noticed that there was no specific mention of the needs of the Armed Forces community and the services they may require.

There are approximately 4,500 regular Service personnel based in London and the Ministry of Defence recently estimated in their Annual Population Survey that there are 134,000 ex-Service personnel living in Greater London, this figure does not include Reservists or the families of Service and ex-Service personnel. We know from our extensive experience that many Serving and ex-Service people and their families are affected by some problems more than the general population and will require additional or tailored support.

In June 2012 the Greater London Authority signed the Armed Forces Covenant and during this Remembrance period the Mayor has stated his support to the Armed Forces community. In order for the GLA to provide suitable services to the Armed Forces community and meet commitments under the Armed Forces Covenant, we were disappointed to see no mention of this key group in the strategic planning work of City Hall.

I would be grateful if you could inform me how we can take part in the consultation process on the vision laid out in 'A City for All Londoners'. We would of course be delighted to meet with you or your team to discuss this further and how the Mayor's office can truly meet the needs of the veterans and wider ex-Service community in London.

Yours,

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