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Dear Mayor,

Climate Change Adaptation Strategy

Thank you for your response to the Assembly's comments on the draft climate change adaptation strategy.

The Committee welcomes the improvements that have been made to the strategy in response to the Committee's recommendations, particularly the Action Plan appendix, the improved linkages to other strategies, the trigger points for review of the strategy, and the integration of water, energy efficiency and climate change adaptation objectives through the HEEP. The Committee also welcomes that there is new material on climate change in the draft replacement London Plan.

There are a few further points still to address.

1. Implementation

For future strategies, an Action Plan should be provided at the Assembly consultation stage in order for that statutory consultation to be meaningful and effective.

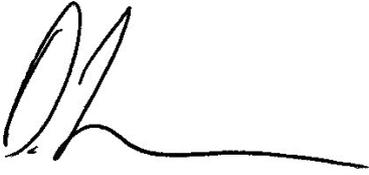
2. Strengthening linkages to other strategies

The response provided to the Committee does not mention the Committee's recommendation (paragraph 2.1 of the Committee's response) that all future Mayoral strategies should explicitly consider policies and practices on climate change. I would be grateful if you could indicate whether you will be doing this in future strategies or, if not, why not.

3. Overheating

The response says that you are calling on the Met Office to undertake a feasibility study into creating and maintaining a network of weather stations across London to improve our understanding of London's microclimate and the impact of urban greening measures on managing temperature. This is more than one step removed from fulfilling the Committee's recommendation that there be a mechanism to measure the impact of urban greening. The Committee looks forward to hearing, by the end of 2010, what progress is being made by the Met Office or what other methodology the Mayor proposes if the Met Office is not amenable to the Mayor's request. .

Yours sincerely,

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Chair of the Environment Committee