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Rt Hon Robert Jenrick MP, Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government

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Dear Prime Minister,

### **Bakerloo line extension and upgrade**

Today, TfL has opened public consultation on the Bakerloo line extension to Old Kent Road, Lewisham and potentially Hayes. This transformational project will help to deliver thousands of new affordable homes in Southwark and Lewisham boroughs and put southeast London firmly on the tube map. It is strongly linked to another project to overhaul the existing Bakerloo line, which would together transform this aging and unloved line into a catalyst for growth, prosperity and quality of life across the capital, from Harrow in the northwest, to Hayes in the southeast.

The cross-London route would pass through 10 London Plan Opportunity Areas (including Old Oak Common and Old Kent Road), supporting the delivery of over 100,000 new homes and 100,000 new jobs around new and existing stations, offering a significant contribution to tackling the housing crisis. The extension and upgrade would also support new growth and development opportunities across London by unlocking capacity and improving journeys elsewhere on the network.

By making better use of existing infrastructure, an upgraded and extended Bakerloo line will enable 87,000 new journeys into central London each peak period, and alleviate congestion at bottlenecks including London Bridge and Canada Water. This capacity boost is essential to expanding the capital's labour pool, and driving up productivity, growth and

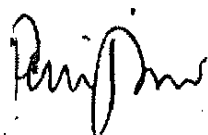
competitiveness. At local level, the project is fundamental to growth and regeneration plans in boroughs across the route and will transform the lives of thousands of people who live and work there.

Southwark and Lewisham Councils have developed a public campaign under the banner of 'Back the Bakerloo', which has cross-party support across London and has already been backed by almost 20,000 people. While the Mayor of London supports the project and TfL has committed funding to develop plans for the scheme in its current budget and business plan, a joint funding package with national government is required for delivery. TfL urgently need the statutory safeguarding powers to prevent development on sites needed for stations and construction from impeding delivery. To maintain the proposed timeline, this commitment will be needed in time to apply for powers to build the extension in 2022.

As political and business leaders, we are writing to you on behalf of the boroughs and city we represent, to ask for your commitment to work with TfL to secure a funding package for the Bakerloo line extension and to provide the necessary safeguarding powers. As Mayor of London, you recognised the potential of the Bakerloo line extension and agreed to make it one of your top priorities. We hope that as Prime Minister you will now make that vision a reality.

The Bakerloo line is a viable project which will deliver enormous benefits and will make a significant contribution to the government's commitment to delivering 300,000 new homes a year. This transformative project is an opportunity that London cannot afford to miss out on and we urge you to support it.

Yours Sincerely,



Cllr Peter John OBE, Leader of Southwark Council



Damien Egan, Mayor of Lewisham Council



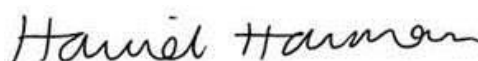
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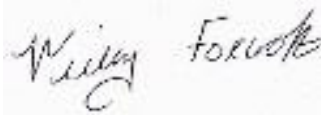
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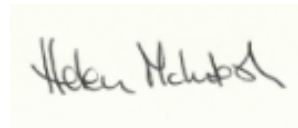
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