

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY
Development, Enterprise and Environment

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Dear Mr Glenday,

**LOCAL PLAN STRATEGIC GROWTH OPTIONS CONSULTATION,
AND DUNTON GARDEN SUBURB CONSULTATION**

Thank you for your email of 8 January 2015 consulting the Mayor of London on your Local Plan Strategic Growth Options consultation and Dunton Garden Suburb consultation.

At this stage in the plan preparation process I wish to note only that in seeking to reconcile housing supply and need in the terms of the NPPF the Council may wish to reassure itself that its needs assessment takes into account uncertainty over future levels of out-migration from London and the way this may bear on household growth as well as any backlog of need. We are pleased to note, however that the Borough Council has taken account of 2008 as well as 2012 demographic data, a point raised at a meeting between Brentwood Borough Council and GLA officers on 20 March 2014. The issue is discussed in the Objectively Assessed Housing Needs for Brentwood - Final Report, Feb 2015.

It is also noted that the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment dates back to October 2011 and the Council may wish to consider updating it.

With regards to logistics and industrial land the council may wish to note that London Plan paragraph 2.81 indicates that the Mayor will work with authorities in the Wider South East to ensure efficient logistics provision throughout the whole area. The Mayor's Land for Industry Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) (see specifically paragraphs 5.10 and 5.16) builds on this indicating that 'close cooperation with planning authorities in the wider metropolitan area to address the spatial distribution of logistics serving London and the south east region is essential. The Mayor will work with relevant authorities to explore ways in which this can be carried forward for the benefit of the wider region as a whole'. You may therefore wish to consider the scope to accommodate demand for logistics serving both London and the wider south east region in your employment land policies and proposals.

With regards to retail we would support a town centre first approach.

For further information please contact Jennifer Peters [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

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