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Dear Sir/Madam,

## **The Royal Borough of Greenwich Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) ~ Draft Charging Schedule.**

*Please note that these comments represent the views of Transport for London (TfL) officers and are made entirely on a "without prejudice" basis. The comments are made from TfL's role as a transport operator and highway authority in the area. These comments also do not necessarily represent the views of the Greater London Authority (GLA). They should not be taken to represent an indication of any subsequent Mayoral decision in relation to this matter. A separate response has been prepared by TfL Commercial Development (TfL Property) to reflect TfL's interests as a landowner and potential developer.*

Thank you for giving Transport for London (TfL) Spatial Planning the opportunity to comment on the Royal Borough of Greenwich Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Draft Charging Schedule.

TfL is generally supportive of the review to CIL charges in Greenwich. We recognise the value of CIL in delivering vital infrastructure across London and reviewing a CIL charging schedule can help increase the relevance and value of CIL, enabling further infrastructure provision. However, it is important that these changes are well justified, and do not adversely affect development viability, which could in turn impact development activity and thus CIL income.

We are pleased to see that the viability appraisal considers the existing Mayoral CIL (MCIL) charge, and that this includes the MCIL2 rate of £25 per square metre applicable to CIL liable development in Royal Borough Greenwich, and which took effect on 1 April 2019. MCIL is vital in delivering strategic transport infrastructure in London, with MCIL receipts helping to repay Crossrail (Elizabeth line) financing.

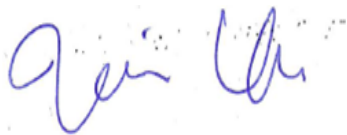
We welcome reference to the DLR extension to Thamesmead and bus transit in your updated Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP). We have been working collaboratively with

Greenwich officers on both these projects. Initial funding studies have indicated that maximising local funding contributions will be essential to deliver these projects, including Borough CIL. This has been discussed at length with Royal Borough Greenwich finance officers as well as the transport team and should be listed among the Priority spending projects 2020-2025/2030.

I would be grateful if you could note our request to be notified when you submit your charging schedule for examination, the publication of the recommendations of the examiner and approval of the charging schedule

If you wish to discuss any aspect of this response, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,



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