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## MAYOR OF LONDON

**Rt Hon Harriet Harman MP**  
House of Commons  
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Dear Harriet

Thank you for your letter of 17 February and for your support of what we are trying to achieve in Peckham.

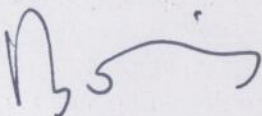
Gateway to Peckham is one of our more complex commitments funded from the Mayor's Regeneration Fund. I feel very strongly that the project will help transform perceptions of Peckham by delivering a top notch arrival point that will be an important focus for the energy and creativity of both residents and local businesses alike.

I agree it is wholly appropriate that the views of the local community should inform the nature of final proposals. You will be aware that an extension has been agreed in principle between the Greater London Authority (GLA) and the London Borough of Southwark. I have asked my team to ensure that the Council use this time to re-scope the project and to incorporate ongoing community engagement.

However I would like to take the opportunity to clarify that this project always incorporated elements of development and re-provision, partly to ensure business space in the town centre is not lost and partly to pay for the widely supported public square. Notwithstanding GLA funding, it is only through collaboration with Network Rail (as land owner) that the London Borough of Southwark can make the public square happen. It is regrettable if this was not clear to the community from the outset of the scheme to ensure that Southwark hits the ground running when it becomes operational.

Thank you again for writing.

Yours ever,



**Boris Johnson**  
Mayor of London