

**April 2021**

Dear Future Mayor,

I am writing on behalf of the twenty professional bodies who came together to organise the Mayoral Hustings for London's built environment sector on March 11. This was attended by representatives of each of the candidates.

Together we represent over 100,000 individuals working across the industry. Our members will deliver the strategies set out in the London Plan.

As a result of the discussions held at the Hustings we focus on five key issues which we hope the next Mayor of London will address.

1. Tackle the crisis of housing supply, affordability and homelessness. Housing must be dealt with as a fundamental human right and this must be the focus of resourcing with all else supporting this common purpose.
2. Adequately resourced planning services – both locally and within the Greater London Authority – to deliver essential placeshaping, utilising planning as a positive taskforce to engage communities and tackle place-based inequality, and to respond adequately to proposed government changes to the planning system.
3. A commitment on the climate change emergency and Zero Carbon London by 2050, working with the construction sector to understand the skills required and devise an achievable roadmap towards this, including a speedier transition away from the motor vehicle to free up more space for pedestrians and cyclists.
4. Championing the Central Activities Zone (CAZ) as the focus of London global brand, whilst supporting the concept of the 15/20-minute city and the development of mixed-use centres with all daily amenities within easy walking distance across Greater London.
5. Collaboration beyond London, with National Government and with the wider South East and with other cities across the UK, to prioritise design and build quality in all planning, regeneration, streets and infrastructure decision-making, while supporting promotion of the capital as the UK's key economic driver.

We support candidates committed to delivering these bold and necessary ambitions. We look forward to working with the new incumbent after 6 May.

Sincerely,



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**On behalf of the London Built Environment Industry Coalition**

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