

MAYOR OF LONDON

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Dear Andrew,

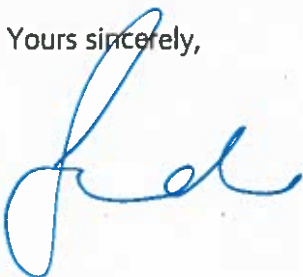
Thank you for your letter of 22 May about the potential conversion or redevelopment of Queen Mary's House, Hampstead, and loss of staff accommodation.

I share your concern about any potential loss of NHS staff accommodation and the impact that this, and the lack of affordable housing, has on recruitment and retention of NHS staff. Policy H10 of my draft London Plan makes clear that the loss of staff accommodation is generally only acceptable where the existing floorspace is satisfactorily re-provided to an equivalent or better standard.

In this specific case, I understand that the Royal Free NHS Trust is currently gauging the level of interest in the site with a view to a possible sale in the future. My officers have been in discussion with the NHS about the site and they have made clear the London Plan policy position regarding loss of staff accommodation. Any planning application for redevelopment or conversion of the site will need to address this and other key planning issues, including loss of social infrastructure, transformation of health and social care and provision of affordable housing on public land.

Thank you again for writing.

Yours sincerely,



Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London