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**Andrew Dismore AM**

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Dear Planning Policy Team

**Date:** 03 February 2020

**Re: West Finchley Neighbourhood Development Plan**

As the London Assembly Member for Barnet and Camden, I have seen the contribution neighbourhood development plans can make in protecting and enhancing local communities with a strong heritage in design, which has had particular success in parts of Camden. I therefore write to express my support for the proposals in West Finchley.

The area in question between the Northern Line and Dollis Brook has a considerable local character and history, according a special status to the mainly family homes. It is important to have a framework to protect these much desired and needed family homes from ever more applications for subdivision into flats, as expressed in the Council's own planning documents.

Given the generally low provision of public transport in the area (with the exception of the 326 bus and the nearby West Finchley station) it is important to ensure that overintensification does not occur here, as an overly dense population cannot be supported by local infrastructure.

Local residents will be particularly keen to ensure that greenspaces are protected, such as the Dollis Valley Greenwalk, Nethercourt Avenue Allotments and the grass verges on Nether Street.

The plan also makes important distinctions about the future of life in West Finley, such as a commitment to ensuring adequate electric vehicle charging facilities.

Yours sincerely,



**Andrew Dismore AM**

Labour London Assembly Member for Barnet and Camden