- 18.10 Subject to Condition 18.11 below, each party acknowledges that the Relevant FOIA Authority may be obliged under FOIA or EIR to disclose Information:
 - 18.10.1 without consulting the other; or
 - 18.10.2 following consultation with the other party and having taken (or not taken, as the case may be) its views into account.
- 18.11 Without in any way limiting Condition 18.9 or Condition 18.10, in the event that the Relevant FOIA Authority receives an RFI, the Relevant FOIA Authority will, where appropriate, as soon as reasonably practicable notify the other party.
- 18.12 Each party will assist and co-operate with the Relevant FOIA Authority as requested by the Relevant FOIA Authority to enable the Relevant FOIA Authority to comply with its disclosure requirements under FOIA and EIR within the prescribed periods for compliance and in particular without limitation will (and shall procure that its agents contractors and sub-contractors will), at their own cost:
 - 18.12.1 transfer any RFI received by the Relevant FOIA Authority to the GLA as soon as practicable after receipt and in any event within two (2) Business Days of receiving a RFI;
 - 18.12.2 provide all such assistance as may be required from time to time by the Relevant FOIA Authority and supply such data or information as may be requested by the GLA;
 - 18.12.3 provide the Relevant FOIA Authority with any data or information in its possession or power in the form that the Relevant FOIA Authority requires within five (5) Business Days (or such other period as the Relevant FOIA Authority may specify) of the GLA requesting that Information;
 - 18.12.4 permit the Relevant FOIA Authority to inspect such as requested from time to time.
- 18.13 Nothing in this Agreement will prevent the Relevant FOIA Authority from complying with any valid order, decision, enforcement or practice recommendation notice issued to it by the Information Commissioner under FOIA and/or EIR in relation to any Exempted Information.
- The obligations in this Condition 18 will survive the expiry or termination of this Agreement for a period of two (2) years or, in respect of any particular item of Confidential Information, until such earlier time as that item of Confidential Information reaches the public domain otherwise than by reason of a breach of this Agreement or of any other duty of confidentiality relating to that information.
- The Grant Recipient acknowledges and agrees that the GLA may in its absolute discretion redact all or part of the Information prior to its publication. In so doing and in its absolute discretion the GLA may take account of any EIR Exemptions and FOIA Exemptions. The GLA may in its absolute discretion consult with the Grant Recipient regarding any redactions to the Information to be published pursuant to this Condition 18. The GLA shall make the final decision regarding publication and/or redaction of the Information.

19 Data Protection

19.1 The Grant Recipient shall:

- 19.1.1 ensure that at all times it complies with its obligations under this Agreement in manner so as to comply with the Data Protection Legislation and all relevant regulations relating to data protection; and
- use all reasonable efforts to assist the GLA to comply with such obligations as are imposed on the GLA by the Data Protection Legislation.

20 Intellectual Property

The Grant Recipient shall, to the extent that it is able to do so without incurring material cost, grant to the GLA a perpetual, transferable, non-exclusive, royalty-free licence (carrying the right to grant sub-licences) to copy and use (from computer disk or otherwise) all and any Intellectual Property Rights in any, drawings, reports, specifications, calculations and other documents provided by the Grant Recipient or which are or become owned by the Grant Recipient and which relate to the Named Projects, for any purpose relating to this Agreement.

21 Health and Safety and Equality and Diversity

- The Grant Recipient will comply in all material respects with all relevant Legislation including but not limited to legislation relating to health and safety, welfare at work, equality and diversity, modern slavery and other relevant employment matters and will use reasonable endeavours to procure that all Grant Recipient Parties engaged in the delivery of the Ring Fence Offer do likewise.
- The Grant Recipient confirms that it has, and is in full compliance with, a policy covering equal opportunities designed to ensure that discrimination prohibited by the Equality Act 2010 or which is made on any other unjustifiable basis is avoided at all times and will provide a copy of that policy and evidence of the actual implementation of that policy upon request by the GLA.
- The Grant Recipient shall have due regard to the public sector equality duty under Part 11 of the Equality Act 2010 insofar as its activities under this Agreement could reasonably be deemed to be functions of a public nature for the purposes of that Part.
- 21.4 To the extent that the GLA is a 'client' for the purposes of the CDM Regulations:
 - 21.4.1 where the Grant Recipient is engaging consultants and a contractor or contractors as Subcontractors to deliver the Named Project the Grant Recipient elects to be the only client in relation to such Named Project; or
 - where the Grant Recipient is contracting with a developer as a Subcontractor to deliver a Named Project the Grant Recipient shall procure that such developer shall elect to be the only client in relation to the Named Project on or before the date that such project becomes a Named Project;

and the GLA hereby agrees to such election.

- The Grant Recipient shall not seek to withdraw, terminate or in any manner derogate from such election pursuant to Condition 21.4.1 or (if appropriate) shall procure that any developer/employer shall not withdraw, terminate or in any manner derogate from any election pursuant to Condition 21.4.2 without the GLA's prior written consent, which the GLA may in its absolute discretion withhold.
- The Grant Recipient shall at all times comply with all obligations, requirements and duties arising under the HS Act, the regulations under the HS Act, RIDDOR and the CDM Regulations in connection with the Works.
- 21.7 The Grant Recipient will procure that all its Subcontractors and Professional Team comply at all times with the HS Act, the regulations under the HS Act, RIDDOR and the CDM Regulations.

22 Construction Industry Scheme

- 22.1 For such time as:
 - 22.1.1 the Grant Recipient continues to be a local authority; and
 - 22.1.2 the provisions of paragraph 13040 of Chapter 1 of HM Revenue & Customs' Construction Industry Scheme Reform Manual remain in effect as published at July 2009,

the Grant Recipient warrants to the GLA that since it is a local authority, it is deemed by concession to be certificated as a sub-contractor entitled to receive relevant payments gross under the Construction Industry Scheme set out in Chapter 3 of Part 3 of the Finance Act 2004 and associated regulations (the CIS) provided always that if either Condition 22.1.1 or Condition 22.1.2 ceases to hold true at a time when monies remain outstanding from the GLA to the Grant Recipient pursuant to this Agreement then the Grant Recipient shall promptly notify the GLA of such fact and the parties shall take such steps as may reasonably be required to ensure that the CIS is if necessary applied to all such outstanding payments.

23 Assignment and sub-contracting

- 23.1 The GLA will be entitled to transfer or assign all or part of this Agreement.
- 23.2 The Grant Recipient will not be entitled to transfer or assign all or part of this Agreement.

24 Dispute resolution

- All disputes and differences arising out of or in connection with this Agreement (a **Dispute**) shall be resolved pursuant to the terms of this Condition 24.
 - In the event that the Grant Recipient or the GLA consider that a Dispute exists, such party shall serve a notice upon the other party (a **Notice of Dispute**) giving brief details of the Dispute and in the first instance the parties shall use their reasonable endeavours to resolve such Dispute amicably and in good faith and in accordance with this Condition 24.

- 24.1.2 Representatives of the parties shall meet within five (5) Business Days (or such other longer period not exceeding twenty (20) Business Days as the parties may agree) of receipt of a Notice of Dispute.
- Where either no representatives of both parties are available to meet within the period set out in Condition 24.1.2 or the representatives fail to agree a unanimous resolution of the Dispute at such meeting, the Dispute shall be referred to the chief executives (or nominated deputies) of the Grant Recipient and the GLA (the **Senior Executives**).
- 24.1.4 The Senior Executives shall meet within ten (10) Business Days (or such other longer period not exceeding twenty (20) Business Days as the parties may agree) of such referral to attempt to resolve the Dispute. Any unanimous resolution of the Senior Executives shall be recorded in writing and signed by them and shall be final and binding unless the parties agree otherwise.
- 24.1.5 If the Dispute remains unresolved after ten (10) Business Days following referral to the Senior Executives, such Dispute must be dealt with in accordance with Condition 24.2.
- In the circumstances contemplated in Condition 24.1.5, the parties will attempt to settle the Dispute by mediation in accordance with the CEDR Model Mediation Procedure. Unless otherwise agreed by the parties, the mediator will be nominated by CEDR. The parties agree that:
 - 24.2.1 to initiate the mediation a party must give notice in writing (**ADR Notice**) to the other party to the Dispute requesting a mediation. A copy of the request should be sent to CEDR;
 - 24.2.2 the mediation shall start not later than twenty eight (28) days after the date of the ADR Notice; and
 - 24.2.3 except where the right to issue proceedings would be prejudiced by a delay, no party may commence any court proceedings in relation to any dispute arising out of this Agreement until it has attempted to settle the dispute by mediation and either the mediation has terminated or the other party has failed to participate in the mediation.

25 Notices

- Any notice to be given hereunder shall be in writing and shall be sufficiently served if delivered by hand and receipted for by the recipient, (but not by facsimile or electronic mail) or sent by a recorded delivery service addressed in the case of either party to the other party's registered office as set out at the beginning of this Agreement or to such other addresses as either party may from time to time notify to the other in writing provided that such other address is within England and Wales.
- 25.2 Any notice shall be deemed to be given by the sender and received by the recipient:
 - 25.2.1 if delivered by hand, when delivered to the recipient;

25.2.2 if delivered by a recorded delivery service, three (3) Business Days after delivery including the date of postage;

provided that if the delivery or receipt is on a day which is not a Business Day or is after 4.00pm it is to be regarded as received at 9.00am on the following Business Day.

26 No fetter on statutory functions

Notwithstanding anything apparently or impliedly to the contrary in this Agreement or any of the deeds and documents referred to herein, in carrying out its statutory duties or functions the discretion of the GLA shall not be fettered, constrained or otherwise unlawfully affected by the terms of this Agreement or any such other deed or document.

No agency

- 27.1 Nothing in this Agreement or otherwise shall be held, implied or deemed to constitute a partnership, joint venture or other association or, save as expressly provided, the relationship of principal and agent between the parties.
- 27.2 The Grant Recipient shall at all times be independent and nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as creating the relationship of employer and employee between the GLA and the Grant Recipient. Neither the Grant Recipient nor any of its employees shall at any time hold itself or themselves out to be an employee of the GLA.

28 Exclusion of third party rights

Except as otherwise expressly provided no person who is not a party to this Agreement shall be entitled to enforce any terms of this Agreement solely by virtue of the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999.

29 Entire Agreement

- 29.1 This Agreement and the conditions herein contained together with the Schedules constitute the entire agreement between the parties and may only be varied or modified in accordance with Condition 7.10 and 7.11 (where applicable) or in writing by deed.
- 29.2 The Grant Recipient hereby acknowledges that save as set out or referred to in the Agreement there are and have been no representations made by or on behalf of the GLA of whatsoever nature on the faith of which the Grant Recipient is entering into this Agreement.

30 Severability

If any term, condition or provision contained in this Agreement shall be held to be invalid, unlawful or unenforceable to any extent, such term, condition or provision shall to that extent be omitted from this Agreement and shall not affect the validity, legality or enforceability of the remaining parts of this Agreement.

31 Cumulative rights and enforcement

Any rights and remedies provided for in this Agreement whether in favour of the GLA or the Grant Recipient are cumulative and in addition to any further rights or remedies which may otherwise be available to those parties.

The parties acknowledge that money damages alone may not properly compensate the GLA for any breach of the Grant Recipient's obligations hereunder and the parties hereby expressly agree that in the event of the breach or threatened breach of any such obligation in addition to any other rights or remedies the GLA may have in Law, in equity or otherwise the GLA shall be entitled to seek injunctive or other equitable relief compelling specific performance of and other compliance with the terms of such obligations.

32 Waiver

- Neither the failure of any party at any one time to enforce any provision of this Agreement nor the payments by the GLA of Named Project Grant under Condition 13.1 in any way affects the relevant party's right thereafter to require complete performance by the other party, nor may the waiver of any breach or any provision be taken or held to be a waiver of any subsequent breach of any provision or be a waiver of the provision itself.
- Where in this Agreement any obligation of a party is to be performed within a specified time that obligation shall be deemed to continue after that time if the party fails to comply with that obligation within the time.
- Any waiver or release of any right or remedy of either party must be specifically granted in writing signed by that party and shall:
 - 32.3.1 be confined to the specific circumstances in which it is given;
 - 32.3.2 not affect any other enforcement of the same or any other right; and
 - 32.3.3 (unless it is expressed to be irrevocable) be revocable at any time in writing.

33 **VAT**

- 33.1 Except where expressly stated to the contrary in this Agreement:
 - the amount of any payment or the value of any supply is expressed exclusive of VAT properly chargeable on it;
 - 33.1.2 where any payment or taxable supply falls to be made pursuant to this Agreement VAT properly chargeable on it will be paid in addition by the recipient of the supply for which payment (if any) is consideration on the provision of a valid VAT invoice for it.
- The payment of Named Project Grant or any part thereof hereunder by the GLA to the Grant Recipient shall be regarded as inclusive of any VAT chargeable thereon.

34 Survival of this Agreement

- Insofar as any of the rights and powers of the GLA provided for in this Agreement shall or may be exercised or exercisable after the termination or expiry of this Agreement the provisions of this Agreement conferring such rights and powers shall survive and remain in full force and effect notwithstanding such termination or expiry.
- 34.2 Insofar as any of the obligations of the Grant Recipient provided for in this Agreement remain to be discharged after the termination or expiry of this Agreement the provisions of

this Agreement shall survive and remain in full force and effect notwithstanding such termination or expiry.

Without limitation the provisions of any of Conditions 3, 6, 8 to 12 (inclusive), to 20 (inclusive), 24, 31, 32, 36, 34 and Schedule 3, such other provisions of this Agreement as are necessary to give effect to such Conditions are expressly agreed by the parties to survive the termination or expiry of this Agreement.

35 Execution

This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts and each counterpart will when executed be an original of this Agreement and all counterparts together will constitute one instrument.

36 Governing law

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of England and Wales and subject to the provisions of Condition 24 the parties irrevocably submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of England and Wales.

Schedule 1

Acknowledgements, Representations and Warranties

Part 1

Agreed Principles

- The provisions of this Agreement represent the conditions upon which the GLA:
- 1.1 makes the Allocated Net Grant available to the Grant Recipient; and
- 1.2 permits the Grant Recipient to use the Allocated Fund Proceeds.
- The GLA has made the Allocated Net Grant available and permitted the Grant Recipient to use the Allocated Fund Proceeds on the express understanding that they are applied solely for the purposes of funding the Development Costs in respect of AHP Dwellings which are to be let to individuals as AHP Housing.
- All Fund Proceeds identified in the Named Project Details must be applied solely for the purposes of funding the Development Costs in respect of the relevant Named Project and used in accordance with the applicable requirements of the Affordable Housing Capital Funding Guide.
- 4 All Named Project Grant paid under this Agreement is:
- 4.1 social housing assistance as defined in Section 32(13) of the HRA 2008; and
- subject to the provisions of Sections 30, 34 and 333ZE of the Greater London Authority Act 1999 and any determinations made under such provisions, and the provisions of Condition 15 represent the events and principles determined by the GLA for the purposes of Sections 31-34 of the HRA 2008.
- All Fund Proceeds used for the purposes of funding (in whole or in part) the Development Costs constitute social housing assistance for the purposes of Section 32 of the HRA 2008 and are subject to the terms of the Recovery Determination.
- Any failure by the Grant Recipient to comply with the terms of this Agreement or the occurrence of a Default Event or Withholding Event constitutes a failure to comply with a condition attached to the making of Capital Grant for the purposes of paragraph 8(e) of the Recovery Determination.
- 7 The terms of the Affordable Housing Capital Funding Guide are incorporated within this Agreement (mutatis mutandis).
- 8 The Grant Recipient will not advance or on-lend any Total Project Grant to a third party (in whole or in part).
- The aggregate of the First Tranche Grant and the Second Tranche Grant in each Named Project will represent one hundred per centum (100%) of the Named Project Grant.

- 10 The Grant Recipient will use all reasonable endeavours to:
- 10.1 work up Proposed Named Projects comprised within the Project Pipeline as soon as reasonably practicable so they may be submitted on OPS in accordance with Condition 5.1; and
- 10.2 ensure that the MHCLG Allocation is utilised in a Named Project within the Availability

Part 2

Representations and Warranties

1 Powers, vires and consents

- 1.1 It has the power to enter into and to exercise its rights and perform its obligations under this Agreement and has taken all necessary action to authorise the execution by it of and the performance by it of its obligations under this Agreement.
- 1.2 It is not subject and will not become subject to any other obligation, compliance with which will or is likely to, have a Material Adverse Effect in relation to the Ring Fence Offer or any Named Project.
- 1.3 Its obligations under this Agreement constitute its legal, valid and binding obligations, enforceable in accordance with its terms.
- 1.4 The execution, delivery and performance by it of this Agreement do not:
 - 1.4.1 insofar as it is aware contravene any applicable law or directive or any judgement, order or decree of any court having jurisdiction over it;
 - 1.4.2 conflict with, or result in any breach of any of the terms of, or constitute a default under, any agreement or other instrument to which it is a party or any licence or other authorisation to which it is subject or by which it or any of its property is bound; or
 - 1.4.3 contravene or conflict with its standing orders or other constitutional documents binding upon it (as applicable) from time to time.
- 1.5 All consents, required by it in connection with the execution, delivery, issue, validity or performance or enforceability of this Agreement have been obtained and have not been withdrawn.
- 1.6 So far as it is aware, it is not in breach of or in default under any agreement to which it is a party or which is binding on it or any of its assets which has or could have a Material Adverse Effect.
- 1.7 To the best of its knowledge, no claim is presently being asserted and no litigation, arbitration or administrative proceeding is presently in progress or, to the best of its knowledge, pending or threatened against it or any of its assets which will or might have a Material Adverse Effect in relation to the Ring Fence Offer or any Named Project.
- 1.8 It has not committed any Prohibited Act.

2 Deliverability

- 2.1 It has obtained or will by Practical Completion of a Named Project have obtained all Consents and to the extent that such Consents have been obtained they have not been withdrawn.
- 2.2 It is not aware, after due enquiry, of anything which materially threatens the success or successful completion of the intention or purpose of this Agreement.
- 2.3 No Default Event has occurred and is continuing.
- 2.4 All information supplied by or on behalf of it to the GLA or its agents or employees in connection with the Grant Recipient's initial application for grant funding or in the course of the subsequent discussions was at the time of submission and as far as it was aware (or ought to have been aware) having made all reasonable and proper enquiries true, complete and accurate in all respects.
- 2.5 It has informed the GLA of any material change that has occurred since:
 - 2.5.1 the date of submission of the proposed Ring Fence Offer prior to the date of this Agreement; and
 - the Ring Fence Offer, as the same may be amended, added to, supplemented, substituted or varied in accordance with this Agreement, on each occasion of its amendment, addition, supplementation, substitution or variation of which it is aware (or ought to be aware) having made all reasonable and proper enquiries which would render such information untrue, incomplete or inaccurate in any material respect.
- 2.6 It is not aware of any material fact or circumstance that has not been disclosed to the GLA and which might, if disclosed, materially adversely affect the decision of anyone considering whether or not to contract with it.
- 2.7 All data or other information supplied to the Regulator or the GLA in connection with, or related to the Ring Fence Offer or this Agreement is accurate.
- The Grant Recipient will own and be the landlord of the AHP Dwellings to be provided pursuant to this Agreement.

3 Application of the Ring Fence Offer

- 3.1 No AHP Dwelling is or will be subsidised by GLA Programme Funds.
- 3.2 Save where expressly agreed by the GLA, no Named Project which is a Section 106 Project is being subsidised by Named Project Grant or Fund Proceeds.
- 3.3 So far as the Grant Recipient is aware (having made all reasonable enquiries) the Ring Fence Offer (including, inter alia, all projected Start on Site and Practical Completion dates) is capable of being delivered without the need for a change to the Ring Fence Offer.

4 Authority of Grant Recipient's Representative

The Grant Recipient's Representative is empowered to act on behalf of the Grant Recipient for all purposes connected with this Agreement.

5 **Propriety**

- No member, employee, agent or consultant of the Grant Recipient or of any partner organisation of the Grant Recipient has any personal, proprietary or pecuniary interest in:
 - 5.1.1 any person from whom the Grant Recipient is purchasing land or property for the purposes of or in connection with this Agreement;
 - 5.1.2 any contractor engaged or to be engaged by the Grant Recipient in connection with this Agreement;
 - 5.1.3 any land or other property to be acquired or developed refurbished or improved by the Grant Recipient for the purposes of or in connection with this Agreement.
- 5.2 No member, employee, agent or consultant of the Grant Recipient or any partner organisation of the Grant Recipient is, has or will be entitled to any preferential treatment by virtue of their position or associations whether in terms of:
 - 5.2.1 access to properties developed, Rehabilitated or, disposed of pursuant to this Agreement; or
 - 5.2.2 the prices at which such properties are let or disposed of.

6 Local Government Act 1999

The Grant Recipient is not subject to any Section 15 Direction nor do any circumstances exist which would permit such a direction to be issued.

7 Local Government Finance Act 1988

No Section 114 Report has been made nor is the Grant Recipient aware of any circumstances which would give rise to the making of a Section 114 Report.

Schedule 2

Development Costs

Part 1

Development Costs

Heads of expenditure

1	Acquisition				
1.1	Purchase price of land/Site/buildings.				
1.2	Stamp Duty Land Tax on the purchase price of land/Site.				
2	Works Costs				
2.1	Main works contract costs (excluding any costs defined as on costs).				
2.2	Major Site development works (where applicable). These include piling, soil stabilisation, road/sewer construction, major demolition.				
2.3	Statutory agreements, associated bonds and party wall agreements (including all fees and charges directly attributable to such works) where applicable.				
2.4	Additional costs associated with complying with archaeological works and party wall agreement awards (including all fees, charges and claims attributable to such works) where applicable.				
2.5	Irrecoverable VAT on the above (where applicable).				
3	On costs				
3.1	Legal fees and disbursements.				
3.2	Net gains/losses via interest charges on development period loans.				
3.3	Building society or other valuation and administration fees.				
3.4	Fees for building control and Planning Permission.				
3.5	Fees and charges associated with compliance with European Community directives, and the GLA's requirements relating to energy rating of dwellings and Eco-Homes certification.				
3.6	In-house or external consultants' fees, disbursements and expenses (where the development contract is a design and build contract) (see note below).				
3.7	Insurance premiums including building warranty and defects/liability insurance (except contract insurance included in Works costs).				
3.8	Contract performance bond premiums.				
3.9	Borrowing administration charges (including associated legal and valuation fees).				

- 3.10 An appropriate proportion of the Grant Recipient's development and administration costs.
- 3.11 Irrecoverable VAT on the above.

Note 1

Where the development contract is a design and build contract, the on-costs are deemed to include the builder's design fee element of the contract sum. The amount included by the builder for design fees should be deducted from the Works cost element referred to above, as should other non-works costs that may be submitted by the builder such as fees for building and Planning Permission, building warranty, defects liability insurance, contract performance bond and energy rating of dwellings.

Note 2

Some items will not qualify as Development Costs unless the Grant Recipient can clearly demonstrate that such costs are properly chargeable to the housing development, i.e. for the sole use of the residents or to comply with any statutory obligations that may have been imposed.

Examples of these are as follows:

- works to any roads which do not exclusively serve the housing development;
- landscaping to areas of land which lie outside the boundaries of the Site;
- district heating systems;
- trunk sewers and sewage disposal works;
- special refuse treatment buildings;
- public conveniences;
- community halls, club rooms, recreation rooms.

Note 3

Subject to the above, where any cost incurred or to be incurred by the Grant Recipient is common both to the development of the AHP Dwellings within any Named Project and to any other activity, asset or property of the Grant Recipient, only such part of that cost as is attributable to the development of the AHP Dwellings may be treated as a cost in respect of which grant under this Agreement may be paid.

Part 2

Costs which are not Development Costs

Capital costs incurred:

- which are not eligible for social housing assistance as defined in Section 32(13) of the HRA 2008;
- on land (forming part of the total site acquired) which will not be used exclusively for housing provision purposes directly related to the Named Project;
- 1.3 on estate offices, factories, letting offices;
- 1.4 on stores;
- 1.5 on medical or dental surgeries, clinics;
- 1.6 on police stations, public libraries, bus shelters;
- 1.7 on shops, restaurants, public houses, offices;
- 1.8 on transformer and other related buildings;
- 1.9 on maintenance depots, tools, plant and vehicles;
- 1.10 on garages (other than integral garages on market purchase scheme types) and greenhouses; and
- 1.11 on separate commercial laundry blocks and related equipment.

Schedule 3

Legal Opinion

[TO BE TYPED ON COUNCIL NOTEPAPER]

Our ref

Your ref

Date

Email address

Greater London Authority

City Hall

The Queen's Walk

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London

SE1 2AA

To: Greater London Authority (the GLA)

Dear Sirs,

Legal Opinion Approved Provider re Grant Agreement and related matters

I refer to the proposed Negotiated Contract Grant Agreement to be entered into between [] (the **Council**) and the GLA (the **Agreement**) for the purposes of, inter alia, providing affordable housing which is dated on or about the date hereof. In connection with the giving of this opinion, I have examined:

- (a) the Agreement in its final form prior to execution and delivery thereof by the Council;
- (b) the Council's Standing Orders for approving entry into and the execution and delivery of deeds by the Council and for the delegation of its authority and the powers of the Council's Executive;
- (c) such other documents I consider appropriate for the purposes of giving this opinion.

I do not express any opinion as to, nor have I investigated the law of any jurisdiction other than England.

I am of the opinion that, as at the date hereof, as a matter of English law, the Council has the power and authority to enter into, observe and perform the terms and obligations on its part to be observed and performed by it under the Agreement and has taken all necessary action and has obtained all relevant consents and approvals (statutory or otherwise) to authorise the execution and delivery of the Agreement and the performance and validity of the obligations under it.

Neither the execution and the delivery of, nor the performance by the Council of its obligations under the Agreement will violate any provisions of any existing application law, rule, regulation or agreement binding on the Council, and the Agreement constitutes a valid and legally binding obligation on the Council enforceable in accordance with its terms. I have given this opinion, taking into account the common law and statutory duties applicable to the exercise of power by the Council.

The above opinions are subject to the reservation that under English law, the power of the court to order or pursue performance of an obligation and any other equitable remedies is discretionary and, accordingly, an English court might make an award of damages where specific performance of an obligation at work or remedy is sought.

This opinion is given by virtue of my position as Solicitor to the Council and is only given as the holder of that office. I am not giving this opinion in a personal capacity, nor do I accept any private or personal liability for any error or omission in it or which may arise therefrom and the recipient, in seeking to place reliance on the contents of this letter, must duly acknowledge the same if any error or omission is later to be found. This opinion is addressed to the GLA and is solely for its benefit. It may not be disclosed to or relied upon by any other person or made public in any way without my prior consent. This opinion is limited to matters addressed herein and is not to be read as an opinion with respect to any other matter.

Yours faithfully

Council Solicitor

There follows the specimen signatures and titles of those who will or may attest the execution as a deed of the Agreement referred to above.

Name

Title

Specimen Signature

This Agreement has been executed as a deed and is delivered and takes effect on the date stated the beginning of it.							
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GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY)						

Authorised Signatory

In the presence of:

EXECUTED as a DEED by affixing)	
the common seal of)	
[GRANT RECIPIENT]		
in the presence of:)	

Authorised signatory

Authorised signatory

