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Congratulations on becoming Prime Minister. I look forward to working with you and your government in the future.

From your time as Mayor of London, and as a local Camberwell resident you will already know Southwark well and know that we are the most exciting and vibrant borough at the heart of one of the greatest cities in the world. Southwark is a place of opportunity and optimism where we as a council work alongside our residents, local groups and businesses to ensure that our borough is the best it can be and that everyone has the opportunity to achieve their potential, with a fairer future for all.

Southwark also faces some significant challenges, and I welcome the commitments you made in your first speech as Prime Minister to fix the social care crisis, increase education spending and fund the recruitment of new police officers. I hope you will also commit to ensuring local authorities are properly resourced to deliver the services our residents rely on, build strong local economies and change lives for the better.

You will also know that Southwark is working incredibly hard to build the homes that Londoners need. Alongside our major regeneration programmes at Old Kent Road, Elephant and Castle, and Canada Water, the council is building new homes on sites throughout the borough.

One of our most ambitious regeneration projects is Old Kent Road. This regeneration project offers a unique opportunity to tackle London's housing crisis, as well as building on the strengths of the area and delivering real benefits for local people. We have already given consent for 6,000 new homes in the area, but to go further we need a firm commitment from the Government on funding the Bakerloo line extension. You will recall that when you were Mayor of London, you agreed to make the

extension of the Bakerloo Line one of your top priorities. This was an ambition born under Mayor Johnson and now continued under Mayor Khan.

We estimate that with the Bakerloo line will support the delivery of 100,000 new homes for London, with 20,000 in Southwark. All schemes consented for the Old Kent Road include 35% affordable housing, and we are working in partnership with developers to deliver even more. I would welcome the opportunity to show you around the Old Kent Road to see first hand the changes that are taking place and the difference the Bakerloo line will make for residents and businesses in the area.

While I am sure that Brexit will dominate your next hundred days, there are other major projects that need your attention and continued support. The Mayor of London has given his backing to the Bakerloo line extension, and I and other local authorities are working with him to deliver it. This is a project that is real and viable. I am confident that this will be a significant legacy for London and the UK and as you supported it from City Hall, I urge you to support it in Government and make this vision a reality.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,



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