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Dear John

Thank you for your letter of 15 September 2015, and the accompanying Best Value Action Plan six month progress report. I very much welcome the progress that you have made since you came to office.

In particular, I welcome your clear commitment to making East End Life 'Code compliant' by March 2016. I know this is part of a process of cultural change in Tower Hamlets. Driving and embedding cultural change is fundamental to ending the intervention, and progress on this issue in particular is crucial.

I have also received the Commissioners' response to your letter. I would like to take this opportunity to endorse the points they made in that letter, in particular their focus on ensuring that the Best Value Action Plan is has measurable outcomes, interim goals and timelines. However on the basis of the progress made to date and reassurance I have had from the Commissioners, I am comfortable for the 6 May Directions to lapse on 31 October.

In your next update (due March 2016) I look forward to seeing that all the activities have appropriate and measurable outcomes and that timelines and milestones are fully defined.

Yours sincerely,

**THE RT HON GREG CLARK MP**