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Dear Mayor Biggs,

Thank you for your letter of 17 August to the Secretary of State, the Rt Hon James Brokenshire MP. The Secretary of State has asked me to reply as the Minister responsible for Local Government.

I was pleased that the LGA Peer Review conducted in June has reflected the hard work and dedication demonstrated by the London Borough of Tower Hamlets. I also recognise both your and Will Tuckley's role in demonstrating the much needed leadership to drive that change as evidenced by your regular reports to the Secretary of State on how you have implemented your Best Value Action Plan.

In view of this progress, I am happy for the current Directions in place in respect of Tower Hamlets to come to an end as planned on 30 September 2018. In this context, I would like to meet you and Will Tuckley to take stock of the progress you have made, your plans for the future in the light of the Peer Review, and your experience of my Department's intervention in the Council. My Diary Secretary will be in touch shortly with some prospective dates.

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