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Dear Ms Mollà Bolta,

## Pimlico Neighbourhood Development Plan (2021 - 2040) Submission version

Thank you for consulting Historic England on the Submission draft of the Pimlico Neighbourhood Plan. The Government, through the Localism Act (2011) and Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations (2012), has enabled local communities to take a more proactive role in influencing how their neighbourhood is managed. The Regulations require Historic England, as a statutory agency, be consulted on neighbourhood plans where the Neighbourhood Forum consider our interest is affected by the plan.

As Historic England's remit is to advise on proposals affecting the historic environment our comments in this letter relate to the policies in the draft plan that relate to heritage. This is in the context of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and its core principle that heritage assets be conserved in a manner appropriate to their significance, so that they can be enjoyed for their contribution to the quality of life for this and future generations.

As per our advice letters dated 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2019, 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2021 and 28<sup>th</sup> April 2021, Historic England welcomes the proposed Pimlico Neighbourhood Plan. We have worked closely on elements of the plan with the Neighbourhood Forum to ensure that the policies in the plan will support the effective management of Pimlico's rich historic environment. In our view these constructive discussions have resulted in a set of detailed policies that align with the rest of the development plan – the City Plan and the London Plan (both adopted 2021). Likewise, we are pleased to advise that we consider that this neighbourhood plan forms a positive strategy for the management of heritage in this part of Westminster, in line with NPPF paragraph 185.

## Conclusion

We hope that these comments are helpful. Please note that this advice is based on the information that has been provided to us and does not affect our obligation to advise on, and potentially object to any specific development proposal which may subsequently arise from







this Neighbourhood Plan, and which may have adverse effects on the environment. We trust this advice is of assistance in the preparation of this plan.

Yours sincerely,

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