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I am writing on behalf of the Soho Neighbourhood Forum to support the draft FitzWest Neighbourhood Plan. Both are business forums, our areas abut along Oxford Street and share many similar characteristics. The FitzWest Plan expresses the aspirations of Fitzrovia West business and residents to see central London improved in ways which align well with the aspirations for Soho. It is clear and well thought out and we support the objectives and policies set out in the Plan.

We would like to highlight our support for the following policies and particular aspects within them:

Policy PR2 This is welcome in seeking to address the under provision of affordable housing and in seeking to ensure that the housing provided is well designed and gives residents access to external space.

Policy GS1 This complements PR2 by requiring all major development to incorporate open or green space to help address the under –provision of such space which is a continuing issues in both our areas.

Policy GS2 This policy will help help reduce the adverse impacts of of vehicular traffic on the area and introduce greater amenity space.

Policy EN1 This policy is welcome in requiring development not to add to the 'heat island' effect which becomes increasingly important in the face of climate change.

Policy EN2 This policy requires development to minimise non-renewable energy which adds to carbon emissions.

Policy T2 The support for distribution hubs and electric vehicles will encourage the transition to less polluting ways of servicing the area

This draft Plan together with the other made or emerging neighbourhood plans for the West End of London will help each of its distinct urban villages address the overarching issues of growth, regeneration and environment in ways that are appropriate for each area. We look forward to the FitzWest Plan coming into force.

Yours sincerely

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