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Dear Tom

HOUSING RECOVERY TASK FORCE – REGENERATION AT THE HEART OF ECONOMIC RECOVERY

I would like to commend you on the work of the Task Force and fully support its conclusions.

Enfield stands ready to play its part in the economic revival of London. For Councils to be the agents of the change required at local level, Government must deliver on its commitment to support Councils financially as a result of our work to protect and support residents during the pandemic.

We are facing a gap in funding of £40m for the year. As a responsible Council we are working on measures to address this gap. However, to embark on a further cuts focused agenda to basic local services, takes our energies from the growth led agenda required for the future of the Borough and London.

For example, in support of your recommendations we have a number of schemes in which, with funding, we can act as the buyer of last resort to convert private homes into affordable tenancies.

Government must support the GLAs call for increased affordable housing funding to £4.9bn each year for 10 years. This is required to enable us to build homes at modern day standards ensuring that a green recovery – and our progressive Climate Change Strategy - is part of the solution.

Furthermore, a funding programme over this period also helps to provide the sort of long-term commitment that is required to support housing led regeneration schemes.

At Enfield we are determined to work with our residents to create a better housing and community solution for the residents of Joyce Park and Snells Avenue. In one of the most deprived areas of London there is the potential to create more and better-quality housing for

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a wide range of residents, better open spaces and social infrastructure that will enable generations of the future to thrive.

The impact of the pandemic means that recovery must be focused on growth which will create jobs along with the long-term funding commitments that will enable us to deliver on the much-needed regeneration programmes supported by our residents. Enfield stands ready to support the cross sector careers campaign to promote the construction sector and is proud to be launching our construction skills academy on Meridian Water which with financial support can be brought forward as part of the recovery effort.

I look forward to discussing these issues with you further.

Yours sincerely,



Cllr Nesil Caliskan
Leader of the Council