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During the discussion for Matter 11 on Tuesday 22 January a number of options for what the Plan could say, or what should be done, about possible Green Belt (GB) and Metropolitan Open Land (MOL) review in London were put forward by participants. These were broadly along the lines of:

- modify the Plan to allow or encourage Boroughs to review GB/MOL as one possible means of identifying land to ensure their housing target is met;
- as above, but require all Boroughs to carry out review by a specific date and provide assessment criteria;
- modify the Plan to identify broad locations for growth and/or criteria for identifying them for release of GB/MOL;
- modify the Plan to say that the Mayor will carry out or coordinate a review of GB/MOL within a short timeframe and that this will feed into a review of the Plan to increase housing targets for Boroughs where additional quantified capacity should be brought forward; or
- pause the examination whilst the Mayor carries out a review of GB/MOL to identify land to make up any shortfall between need and capacity.

It would assist the Panel to receive the Mayor's observations on these possibilities in advance of the hearing session on Matter 65. To this end a response is requested to the following:

SQ65. The Mayor's hearing statement for Matter 65 states that: "..... Green Belt release is not considered necessary, with the vast majority of London's development needs being able to be met within London, without developing on the Green Belt." However, without prejudice to that position, and to assist the Panel please could the Mayor comment on the above listed options as possible ways forward in the event that housing need cannot be met in the manner envisaged.

A response is requested by **midday on Friday 15 March 2019**.

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