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Dear Boris,

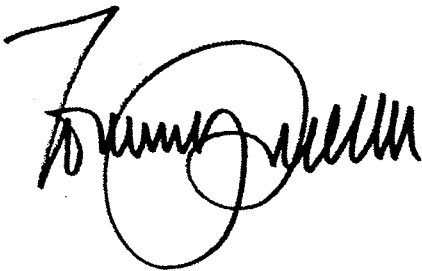
With the future of Design For London hanging in the balance, I am writing to urge that it continues in some form or other.

Design For London has made a vital contribution, supports the Mayor's Advisory Panel and it would be a great shame should that work go unrecognised and deemed dispensable. It is in my view the very best creative planning and urban design team in the whole of the UK. London as a world capital city must have creative planning – development control is nowhere near enough.

This particular arm of the LDA has been invaluable in securing many high quality public realm schemes as well as acting as the driving force behind The Mayor's Green Spaces and The Green Grid. I believe it would be counterproductive to wind the department up and a terrible waste of creative and talented staff should redundancies be judged necessary.

Perhaps an alternative would be for the initiative to move back to the GLA where it was originally under the name of the Mayor's Architecture and Urbanism Unit. I appreciate that times are tough and funding is ever tighter but I do hope you will consider Design For London's value and are able to find a solution which enable the department to continue in it's good work.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Terry Farrell', written in a cursive style.

Sir Terry Farrell CBE