



## PUBLIC QUESTION



### Question No. 21

London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority - Meeting: 5 October 2017

Question from Mr Peter Ulrich

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Given that Clerkenwell Fire Station was taken off the market in April 2016 - now 18 months ago - to allow the Mayor to consider how best it can contribute to the urgent need for new housing in London, when will a decision be taken on its future?

### Reply

The disposal of the former Clerkenwell fire station was put on hold in order to allow discussions to take place initially with both TfL and the GLA and subsequently with the GLA and the London Borough of Islington about the options for disposal that would contribute to the Mayor's Homes for Londoners agenda as well as meet the local planning requirements.

The London Borough of Islington is in the process of reviewing their Local Plan for the area in which the property is located. The preliminary round of consultation in the form of the early review document closed in February 2017. The London Borough of Islington is currently considering the representations which were made during that consultation, with the next step being for them to produce a full draft of the Local Plan. It is now anticipated that the next round of consultation will take place during the autumn of this year, and is likely to include a specific allocation for the site.

In the meantime it has been agreed with officers at the GLA that specialist work will be commissioned to assess the feasibility and viability implications of including residential accommodation including affordable housing in any future conversion of the existing listed building. This will be undertaken by architects and designers who are experienced in carrying out residential conversion schemes on sensitive heritage assets in high value central London areas. A shortlist of suitable providers is being formulated between London Fire Brigade's officers, their advisers and GLA colleagues.