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Dear Richard,

Thank you for your letter, which kindly notes that I have implemented a range of policies that position London as a global leader in urban environments. We are continuously looking to do more in this area to help Londoners and to realise environmental and economic benefits for our city. I agree that Londoners should be able to make plant-based food choices, and I have taken several steps to enable that:

- My London Food Strategy outlines the importance of an equitable, resilient, climate-friendly food system, including a target to reduce household food waste by 50% by 2030 and to help transition London to a circular economy.
- My Universal Free School Meals programme asks boroughs and schools to comply with national School Food Standards, which require fruit and vegetables to be provided each day and encourage schools to consider a weekly meat-free day. We encourage all schools to register as Healthy Schools London (HSL).
- The café and hospitality contract at City Hall and across the GLA Group always offers vegan and vegetarian options.
- ReLondon has also developed a sustainable food procurement commitment for London boroughs and has delivered campaigns with us to empower Londoners to make their own decisions around the nature of their diet.
- I also champion and support innovative businesses through several programmes. [Sustainable Ventures](#) helps climate startups and entrepreneurs across the UK scale up and helps deliver my [Better Futures Programme](#), which has supported a number of food innovation businesses and helps to address London SMEs' sustainability and pathway to Net Zero challenges.

We shall continue to do more work in this area so that Londoners can continue to access healthy food that is good for them, good for our economy and good for our planet.

Thank you for your continued support.

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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sadiq Khan', with a small '2' written below the 'h'.

**Sir Sadiq Khan**  
Mayor of London