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Dear Camden Council,

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Re. Letter of support for O2 Masterplan proposals

I am writing on behalf of the London Wildlife Trust to express our support for the O2 Centre Masterplan (2022/0528/P).

Formed in 1981, our vision is a London alive with nature, where everyone can experience and enjoy wildlife. We are committed to ensuring people can connect with wildlife and that nature is protected and restored. We belong to a partnership of 46 Wildlife Trusts across the UK – working together to conserve nature and help everyone connect with the plants, animals and habitats in their local communities. London Wildlife Trust is the only charity dedicated solely to protecting and enhancing this wildlife and its vital habitat across the capital.

The O2 Centre Masterplan contributes to this objective, and we are extremely proud to have been involved in developing and working in partnership with Landsec on their proposals at the O2 Centre. The proposals turn a carpark into two new public parks, 100 new trees, and we have worked hard with the team to deliver a 165% net increase in biodiversity. The proposals improve the permeability of materials across the site, reducing flood impact, including the installation of swales, creating a rich habitat mosaic for wildlife to thrive. With a mixture of brown biodiverse roofs, we have successfully challenged the design team to provide an ambitious urban greening factor across the masterplan.

This development will create important new public realm and green infrastructure in an area of London that struggles to provide green and open space.

Whilst we have not been directly involved in the wider sustainability designs, we note that this development is in keeping with the council's ambition to hit net zero carbon by 2030. The development will improve bicycle access and see reduced car usage on site, improving local air quality.

We are proud to support Landsec's O2 Masterplan, the proposals of which will contribute to the council's objectives on net zero but deliver inclusive ecologically richer green spaces for the public to access all year round.

Kind regards

David Mooney

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Director of Development

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