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We have considered the proposals and would make the following observations;

- We are pleased that the work of Circle on affordability is highlighted and that remains our committed position.
- The approach is not aligned with the London Plan which focus upon affordable rents there is evidence of challenge already (Islington) and how far are you prepared to go to defend your position
- There would be a need to support RP's in other ways if you hold the line on requiring social rent as the grant regime considers only affordable rents