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The following comments are being submitted on behalf of/ by the Greater London Authorities Strategic Access Panel.

The scope of the Strategic Access Panel being:

1. Scope

1.1. The Strategic Access Panel (SAP) will assist the Mayor in delivering an inclusive and accessible city in accordance with the ambition behind London Plan Policy 7.2.

1.2. The SAP will offer technical advice on:

- GLA funded regeneration projects;
- larger scale/ strategic developments within Opportunity Areas (identified in Map of the London Plan and shown in Appendix 1 of these terms of reference);

and

- larger strategic planning applications where there is no borough access group involvement or access officer to advise on the projects.

SAP will also assist with the on-going review of policies and standards relating to the built environment and disabled and older Londoners as required.

The following are the groups comments on the Housing Standards Minor Amendments to the London Plan (May 2015):

The alterations are generally welcomed by the group.

The GLAs SAP would like to express its firm support for the 10% requirement for wheelchair housing. The group feels that the pressure on demand for wheelchair accessible housing is likely to increase in the future with the ageing population in London, and wheelchair accessible housing may also provide a suitable solution for some people with mobility impairments which result from certain health related conditions such as cancer and diabetes.

The existing London Plan Policy should not be worsened in terms of Wheelchair Accessible Housing- it has been in place for a number of years now and helps to ensure that people in London who require wheelchair accessible housing can at least access it in new developments.

The GLAs SAP also suggest that under Housing Quality and Design Policy, Policy 3.5 B the text of this paragraph is amended to state (amendment in green):

“B The design of all new housing developments should enhance the quality of location places, taking into account physical context; local character; density; tenure and land use mix; and relationships with, and provided of public, communal and open spaces, taking particular account of the needs of children, **disabled and older people.**”

Could you please confirm receipt of these comments.

Thank you

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