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I write in response the following elements of the London Plan to emphasise the importance of protecting community assets and resources in future plans for London:

Specifically, I refer to the following elements of the London Plan:

Policy GG1 Building strong and inclusive communities
Policy S1 Developing London's social infrastructure
Policy HC5 Supporting London's culture and creative industries and
Policy HC7 Protecting Public Houses

My concerns are expressed in the following statement from the Reclaim Our Spaces manifesto:

#1 Help produce a shift in thinking so that access to and the value of community spaces is not based on business plans and income generation but on the social value of the community space and its contribution to health and wellbeing, inclusion, integration, empowerment and poverty reduction.

#2 Recognising the irreplaceability and uniqueness of many community spaces and looking after them for future generations is part of a continuing legacy.

#3 Valuing and resourcing community-centred knowledge and creativity for the contribution this can make to policy discussions and a whole system approach to community engagement across the GLA.

#4 Community spaces are not just physical buildings, but social spaces where cultural expression takes place. These social spaces provide movement and interaction between different cultures and it is important they are integrated as well as truly accessible to all.

#5 Community spaces are essential to the achievement of lifetime neighbourhoods in which housing, health and education facilities, shops and other local amenities are affordable and accessible to everyone, now and for future generations, and there is support for community networks based on social co-operation and mutual aid.

#6 Housing estates provide a wide range of community spaces – community halls, open spaces, playgrounds and other facilities – which must be protected and their use encouraged.

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