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The Mayor of London

Greater London Authority

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Draft New London Plan Consultation

Dear Sadiq Khan,

Bromley Green Party have several comments on the Draft London Plan.

Members are encouraged about the positive policies concerning Reducing Emissions [policy S12], Banning Fracking [policy S1 11], Protecting the Green Belt [policy G2 and G3], and Healthy City [policy GG3], all of which broadly reflect Green Party policies on future energy and the importance of preserving clean air and healthy lifestyles.

However, there could be further improvement and a tightening of policy on:

Green Spaces [para .4.2.9]

Where The Plan should ensure provision of and access to green space is always taken into consideration when any new development is proposed.

Nature [policy D7]

A more meaningful commitment to and requirement for conserving and restoring urban nature is needed.

Renewable Energy and Climate Change

The target for London to become zero carbon needs to be achieved sooner than 2050 if we are to meet our global commitments to tackle climate change. The policy should also emphasise the importance of renewable energy infrastructure.

Sustainable Buildings

High Standards of design and sustainable building materials, should be better reflected in chapter 9.

Clean Air [policy T8]

The Plan mentions promising strategies to improve air quality and to oppose Heathrow Airport Expansion should pollution levels prove too high. These factors should apply to all new infrastructure proposals such as the Silvertown tunnel.

Housing Quality and Standards [policy D4]

The development of garden space will have a profound impact on the character of suburban outer London. It runs counter to the idea of 'urban greening' espoused in policy G5.

Increasing Housing Supply [policy H1]

Housing targets for Outer London and Bromley are too high in that they put all the much lauded green space policies at risk.

A more rigorous assessment of Brownfield sites needs to be made.

May Thanks,

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