

Mr Michael Denham comments

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Dear Mayor of London

Firstly, well done in stepping forward and setting this plan in motion.

My comment: launderettes

My apologies if this has already been covered in the plan but in my excitement to add a comment I must communicate the need for laundrettes. Speaking from experience as someone who has lived in London all his life. Quite often people live in accommodation where the washing facilities are not adequate or don't exist altogether. This could be because the block of accommodation didn't include washing machines or drying facilities when they were first built or converted (I used to live in an old Edwardian house that was converted into flats. We were able to have LCD TVs and excellent cooker but had no adequate washing machine). Or you could be in a house share with 3-4 other people and you just never have access to the washing machine due to demand. This is when the local launderette is essential. And yet many local launderettes are closing or are not considered when new affordable housing projects are planned. Perhaps you guys could begin a launderette revolution? Perhaps they could be a multi-facility place complete with TV/coffee, social services and newspapers? Again like the library, pub and public park its a place where people mix and regularly visit - so why not make the most of this eventuality.

Many thanks

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