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Dear Consultation Team

I am writing on behalf of Dulwich Park Friends, which is a group that was set up to protect and enhance Dulwich Park in South London.

We would like to respond to the draft London Plan consultation and are pleased that the draft recognises the importance of green spaces but policies need to be stronger to give them adequate protection, in particular:

- Protecting the Green Belt requires stronger enforcement.
- It should not be possible to 'swap' designated Metropolitan Open Land.
- Private and public gardens should be protected alongside other local green and open spaces.
- Policies and funding are needed to improve the quality of green space by reducing noise, light and air pollution, increasing biodiversity, and by giving stronger protection to mature trees and hedgerows.
- Informal and formal outdoor sports facilities, including for ball sports, should be protected and enhanced.
- A more strict approach is needed to reduce reliance on the private car, including reduced parking provision in new developments and promotion of more sustainable transport modes.
- Excessive housing densities in new development should be resisted to protect the local character of London's neighbourhoods.

Dulwich Park is metropolitan open land (MOL) so in particular we are concerned about the protection of MOL against development.

We welcome recognition that Metropolitan Open Land (MOL) should be protected from inappropriate development but this policy is undermined by Policy G3 C and the provision to allow 'land swaps' because MOL is characterised by its 'permanence'. **Proposed changes:** Policy G3 C should be deleted along with the sentence in paragraph 8.3.2 "The principle of land swaps could be applied to MOL where the resulting MOL meets at least one of the criteria set out in part D of this policy". Policy G3B should be amended to read: **'The extension of MOL designations should be undertaken through the Local Plan process, in consultation with the Mayor and adjoining boroughs.'**

Yours sincerely



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