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- neighbourhood planning is a statutory scheme which is now well established in the capital and warrants much more recognition for its role in helping deliver the London Plan's objectives than a few passing references in the draft
- the London Plan is unsound in failing to conform with the National Planning Policy Framework on the role and importance of neighbourhood plans
- the Plan's objectives for "good growth" depend on effective and early community engagement in development choices
- challenging objectives to increase housing numbers and develop more small sites will depend on securing community consent through neighbourhood planning and effective engagement
- local knowledge applied through neighbourhood plans is already identifying many development sites suitable for the particular neighbourhood and bringing forward appropriate and sympathetic development better and faster than many Local Plans
- stronger, better and earlier design input is critical to the successful delivery of the London Plan and neighbourhood planning can provide this, including design codes and character assessments at the very local level
- the London Plan needs to be clear which are the strategic policies with which neighbourhood plans have to be in general conformity.