

Mr Graeme Fraser-Watson comments

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I am writing as a resident of London Borough of Richmond upon Thames

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4. Are the base assumptions correct ?

The New London Plan Draft starts with a major assumption that to be an attractive and vibrant city the population within the current area designated as Greater London has to increase by 20% by 2041. Nowhere in the plan does it refer to any research / studies which support this hypothesis. The supporting research for this assumption should be made available. Or perhaps there is no supporting research in which case a large part of the plan is built on invalid assumptions. That there will be population growth within the UK is based on good data and research, but must this translate to a 20% growth by 2041 in the Greater London Area. With improved transport facilities perhaps a large part of "London's" growth may well take place in areas neighbouring Greater London.

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