

# Mrs Hilary Gander comments

Page: [Draft New London Plan](#)

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Improved sustainable transport (safe cycle tracks and facilities, buses, trains, including non-radial routes for example to connect adjacent boroughs) needs to be in place before major development happens.

Page: [Policy GG5 Growing a good economy](#)

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Public green and open space, are important to the wellbeing of people in a healthy sustainable (in all senses) economy)

Page: [Policy D1 London's form and characteristics](#)

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Developments should reflect and enhance local character and distinctiveness of an area and take account of its history.

Page: [Policy D7 Public realm](#)

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Spaces within and around large new developments needs to be of adequate size and far enough removed from pollution and noise sources to enhance wellbeing and ensure health.

Page: [Policy G2 London's Green Belt](#)

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I welcome Policy G2 especially the proposal in Policy G2B that 'de-designation' of Green Belt will not be supported. This policy needs to be reinforced so that there is a presumption against the alteration of Green Belt boundaries which reduce its extent should be included in policy G2B.

Page: [Policy G3 Metropolitan Open Land](#)

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I welcome recognition that Metropolitan Open Land (MOL) should be protected from inappropriate development however Policy G3 C should be deleted along with the sentence in paragraph 8.3.2 as it undermines this commitment,

Page: [Policy G4 Local green and open space](#)

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Private gardens contribute hugely in London to the extent of green space. A policy is needed to prevent extensive 'garden grabbing'. Gardens should have more protection in the London Plan and the cumulative impact of garden grabbing in an area looked at by planners and LAs.

Page: [Policy G5 Urban greening](#)

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Areas to relax and enjoy nature, healthy air - and quiet - should be retained or provided. Pocket parks must not be too small or they risk being able to fulfill any of these requirements.

Page: [Policy G6 Biodiversity and access to nature](#)

Section: [N/A](#)

There should be a net increase in biodiversity.

Page: [Policy G7 Trees and woodlands](#)

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Mature trees are an essential part London's green infrastructure and there should be strict controls over felling them in Policy G7, along with recognition of the importance of established hedgerows. The first sentence of Policy G7(C) should read: "Existing trees of quality, mature trees and hedgerows, and trees of value in terms of delivering eco-system services such as water or air quality management, should be protected."

Page: [Policy SI13 Sustainable drainage](#)

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I welcome tougher regulation to ensure sustainable drainage is implemented - and retrofitting to happen too.

Page: [Policy T3 Transport capacity, connectivity and safeguarding](#)

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Sustainable transport capacity (cycle lanes, buses, trains etc) needs to meet the needs of new developments before they are allowed.

Page: [Policy T3 Transport capacity, connectivity and safeguarding](#)

Section: [10.3.6](#)

A wholesale review of the bus network and filling in of the gaps needs to be done, Sometimes demand will be latent especially where services are poor frequency at the moment so level of existing usage should not be the sole arbiter of whether a route is developed.

Page: [Policy T5 Cycling](#)

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We need joined up protected cycle lanes and education of motorists where they interact with cyclists in order to encourage take-up.