

The new London plan 2018

There is still the conviction that London must grow in population to the detriment of the North and other towns of England. I think that population growth should be stabilised. The reasons are.

1. Climate change.
2. Water shortages. Water Mains are bursting.
3. Flooding; there is building on flood plains.
4. Too many flats, leaving children with little or no personal play space.
5. Inadequate infrastructure. The North and South Circular cannot cope now with the traffic. Fat Burgers fill our Victorian Sewers. Our vile air is killing us. Hospitals are unable to cope. Trains are overcrowded. School Fields are disappearing under new classrooms. How much more proof do you need?
6. Electricity : Stations are at breaking point.
7. Medical Infrastructure. This is now inadequate. Too Many beds Have been lost. Drs are over worked and patients are suffering. E.g the 5 year old dying today of Asthma.
8. Education facilities. Schools are underfunded and crowded. Who needs more pupils?
9. Overcrowded trains transport.
10. Harrow has lost local jobs at an alarming rate. Two sets of offices made into flats. Pinner and Sudbury, where many of Harrow worked.
11. I was born and bred in Harrow. I wish I could join the Exodus. Those who can- are. My Mother's family have fled East Ham to Chelmsford. My Father's family have mainly gone South and say "How can you stand it?" London is fast turning to a place that few indigenous people want to live in. Is that a good idea? Local Residents' Associations and other Societies that make a community are finding it difficult to survive. The incomers it seems are uninterested or have jobs that do not allow them to take part.
12. I am glad that Richmond is complaining. Harrow is being overdeveloped beyond the ability of the integral structure to cope.
13. I was shocked when I learnt how planning permissions are now waved through. Look what happened in Paddington. The needed Quango was demolished, the Mayor refused to intervene and so did the Minister

responsible. Meanwhile Developers have a great time building Rabbit Hutches.

14. Until the heyday of the motor car they built Estates with shopping facilities nearby: witness West Harrow. Then in the 1930's they built suburbia. Shops were put further from the homes. Woodcock Hill and the Pinner Park Estate at the top of St. Thomas's Drive are examples. Perhaps we should introduce the Corner Shop to reduce traffic.

15. I have also asked for cycle routes for people to cycle more. Not lanes on busy roads that are parked upon, side road routes. Also play streets for children. When I was young we had borrowed washing lines across streets to skip and got quite cross when a car appeared. The trees in the street were used for Rounder's posts. The wall of the air raid shelter had cricket stumps chalked on it. There were none of use obese.

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