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I am writing to object to the Draft New London Plan.

The plan will significantly weaken the planning protection given to historic conservation areas and open spaces such as Hampstead Heath.

There are three policies that are inconsistent with national planning policy:

Policy H2 imposes a new “presumption in favour” of small-scale development. This policy should not apply to Conservation Areas. Our area has suffered from numerous planning applications in recent years where developers have tried to demolish existing properties and rebuild them with completely inappropriate new housing within a conservation area.

Policy D8 weakens existing policies on tall buildings, which are completely inappropriate in historic conservation areas such as Hampstead or Mansfield conservation areas. Planning permission has recently been granted for a 24 storey tower at 100 Avenue Road. This development is completely out of keeping with our area, will loom over our conservation areas, create wind tunnels and canyon effects, and completely change the character of the streetscape. Since mid-rise development can deliver the same housing density as high-rise development, the London Plan should not be supporting tall buildings.

Policy G3 enables the boundaries of Metropolitan Open Land to be amended through “land swap” deals. Hampstead Heath is one of the most important areas of open space in London and is an increasingly overcrowded space as more and more people are squashed into smaller spaces. The London Plan should not allow the boundaries of Hampstead Heath or any other precious green spaces to be altered.

Overall, the London Plan is inconsistent with national planning policy and should therefore not be approved. I do not agree that the scale of the Mayor’s election victory enables him to depart from national policy. Local communities and their Neighbourhood Plans must be respected.

Yours sincerely,

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