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re: not so affordable housing

Hi there,

I tried to register to make a comment via the website, but I never got any email back, so I am emailing you directly. I am fundamentally opposed to the definition of 'affordable housing' that the plan is hinged on. It is blatantly ridiculous to base it on the market rates, since the market has no checks and balances at all, nothing to keep the rents within the grasp of ordinary people. Their rents are based on what they can get away with and maximising their profits. They have no relationship to people's earnings and do not try to keep communities and families together. But that should be a fundamental aim of any London Plan.

Rents should be linked to people's salary, typically the minimum wage, since that is what most people will be safely assumed to have. If you want to up the ante, link to the London living wage, but not market rents, which are destroying people's lives, stability and enjoyment of life. You should know better, let's not take our measurements of how to treat people's very homes from the community-blind commercial sector,

kind regards,

Annette Gossett

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