

HARTLEY & DISTRICT RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Protecting and advancing the common interest of the area



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Dear Mr. Khan,

RE: Draft New London Plan

The Hartley and District Residents' Association is located in the south part of the London Borough of Croydon, and we object to the following proposals which directly affect our residents:-

1. Croydon does not have the capacity to meet the increased housing supply targets being proposed. The Croydon Local Plan 2018 is shortly to be adopted and the changes to the London Plan will require Croydon Council to meet the recently agreed 20-year housing supply plan in just 10 years. The Borough of Croydon does not have the capacity to meet these targets without increasing housing density in areas like ours.
2. The proposal to remove protection to back-gardens is not aligned with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and there is no reason to remove this back-garden protection afforded in the NPPF. Our residents have moved to this area to enjoy their houses with large gardens and do not wish to see these overdeveloped and the character of the area destroyed. Currently unwelcome and unsolicited offers are being made by speculative property companies to over develop our residential area. This will result in a significant decrease in the green environment of our area of trees, hedges and gardens being replaced by blocks of flats, houses being built closer to the road, closer together and with higher roof ridges, with additional floors being added.
3. Permitted parking spaces for new developments are already inadequate and should not be reduced further. The HADRA area is a hilly area with a number

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of roads having gradients up to 12% which are too steep for people to consider cycling or walking whilst carrying groceries, therefore nearly every family needs to have at least one car. The existing on-site parking standards provided in the London Plan are already set too low for houses and has already resulted in an increase in on-street parking. Lowering these on-site parking standards further will result in a more on-street parking and a significant reduction in road safety.

I trust the points made will be given full consideration and amendments made to the New London Plan accordingly.

Yours faithfully,

HADRA Committee Member for Planning.