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What is your message regarding? Gender-neutral public lavatories

Your message

Like many women, I was dismayed to read in the papers (Evening Standard 28th Nov.) that the Mayor has approved more gender-neutral public lavatories. Greatly though I appreciate the company of male friends and colleagues for much of the time, during work and leisure hours, I would not welcome it when spending a penny (or two). Nor do I think many men would welcome it either – I know quite a few who dislike using the urinals when other men are present, let alone with ladies in the vicinity.

Most public toilets these days are unattended, and I'm sorry to say unisex facilities would provide an ideal opportunity for increased sexual assaults on women. I have to

say, I would not feel safe entering them in some parts of London after dark.

Not to mention the embarrassment to younger women who needed to use the Tampax machine.....

Although very vocal, the transgender lobby represents a very small percentage of the population, whereas biological women make up 50%, so you need to keep this in proportion, and make sure that the majority are not put at risk because of the demands of a very small minority.

Surely there are other options? Most lavatories provide a separate unisex cubicle for the disabled (via the Radar key system); surely something similar, but open access, could be provided for transgender people? It could simply have both male and female symbols, or some new logo.

I look forward to receiving your response on this important issue.

Kind regards,

Judith Howard

Please feel free to attach supporting information with your enquiry

Further supporting information

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Dear Sadiq Khan (Mayor of London),

I am writing to respond to your consultation on the draft New London Plan.

I believe that everyone in London has the right to breathe clean air, have access to nature and to benefit from clean energy. I am therefore pleased to see policies in the new London Plan which seek to address these important environmental issues. These include policies to protect our Greenbelt and Metropolitan Open Land, a ban on fracking, and a commitment to London becoming zero carbon.

However, I believe the London Plan could be improved in the following ways:

Renewable Energy & Climate Change

I support the ambition for London to become a zero carbon city, however this needs to be achieved sooner than 2050 if we are to meet our global commitments to tackle climate change. To do this, London needs to rapidly embrace renewable energy, including solar. The London Plan should include a clear policy to facilitate, support and promote the uptake of solar energy.

This could be achieved by adding a strong policy on solar energy (using wording in supporting text 9.2.3), by mentioning renewable energy infrastructure including solar technologies in Policy S13, and by requiring all new homes to be zero carbon.

Green Spaces & Nature

Making London greener is essential for people's health and wellbeing. Yet many local green spaces face pressure from new development. The Plan must recognise that loss of green space cannot always be made up for through green roofs and sustainable drainage schemes, valuable though these features are (para 4.2.9). Policy should make clear that provision of and access to green space should always be considered when planning new development.

I welcome the reference to urban greening in Policy D7 Public Realm. This should include a broader commitment to, and requirement for, conserving and restoring urban nature rather than the current common approach to installing trees in concrete or tubs and planting of low nature value.

Clean Air

With 10,000 Londoners dying prematurely every year from air pollution, I support the London Plan policy to improve air quality (S11). Policy T8 states that 'The Mayor will oppose the expansion of Heathrow Airport unless it can be shown that no additional noise or air quality harm would result, and that the benefits of future regulatory and technology improvements would be fairly shared with affected communities'. The Mayor should consistently apply this policy across all new infrastructure projects, including the proposed Silvertown tunnel which will increase air pollution in an area that already has illegally high levels.

Yours Sincerely,

Yours sincerely

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