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Dear Mr. Khan,

Please find my comments on your new London Plan

1. the removal of protection for back gardens (contrary to national policy),
2. the removal of the density matrix, which sets limits on housing density,
3. the removal of targets for family homes – in Croydon all of the planned Brick by Brick new homes appear to be one or two bedrooms,
4. despite claims to increase green belt protection, all measures already announced exist,
5. the reduction in parking standards and the insistence that new developments near transport hubs should have zero parking provision without exception – this takes no account of the fact that, 1) most people can hardly afford to use public transport, especially if they have a family (cars are much cheaper to use), 2) a significant number of people do not work in places, are employed at places, or need to travel to friends and/or to support relatives, that are on normal or easily accessible public transport routes. I personally have often had to travel to places, as do most of my neighbours, that would have cost far more to get to using public transport than using a car and taken significantly more time to do so than using a car!
6. 10 year Housing Targets have been massively increased. Croydon's target was 14,348, which is now proposed to be 29,490. In comparison, Bromley is only 6,413 to 14,240 and Sutton is only 3,626 to 9,390 – accepted that both the latter areas have significantly more Green Belt. However, cumulatively, these policies will encourage (particularly in outer London suburbs) a huge increase in the demolition of existing family housing and its replacement with blocks of flats with little to no parking provision.

Yours faithfully,

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