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Our overall response:

In general, we support the draft New London Plan and its ambition to strongly increase the rate at which London builds high-quality homes. The analyst Neal Hudson has shown that since WW2 this country has not got back to the rate of percentage growth in the number of homes achieved in the 1830s, let alone the 1930s. London has never remotely got back to the build rates of the 1930s, as the Outer London Commission has demonstrated. As a result, homes have become ever more unaffordable. Tenants are increasingly squeezed tight, poor quality, insecure and needlessly expensive living conditions. The many who cannot afford to live in London are deprived of opportunities for the best jobs and training.

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Sam van Rood

Impossible is not a fact it is an opinion"

Baratunde

It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat.

Theodore Roosevelt

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