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The draft London plan is a disgrace and embarrassment to everyone living in a London borough.

It is clearly driven by ideology instead of facts, and is being used as a political weapon to fight Mr Khan's own agenda against current Government policies.

In particular, the housing proposal is a disgrace. It is inadequate and not fit for purpose and will have a long-term damaging and catastrophic impact on London.

Instead of pursuing this short-sighted and immensely damaging plan, Mr Khan should LISTEN to the response from all London boroughs and work with them for a better solution, especially regarding the social and economic impact on people's lives.

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As with the rest of this plan, the housing proposal is a disgrace. It is inadequate and not fit for purpose and will have a long-term damaging and catastrophic impact on the borough of Richmond upon Thames.

Instead of pursuing this short-sighted and immensely damaging plan, Mr Khan should focus on working with the democratically-elected Government to accommodate Londons' needs OUTSIDE of London, and let London expand. Today, as part of social and economic mobility, people commute longer distances and times for jobs and careers. The mayor should thus be working with the surrounding councils and counties to see how London can benefit from this and vice versa.

Specifically the following elements need urgent reviewing

1. In keeping with Mr Khan's haphazard and arrogant approach, he has arbitrarily distributed his housing target within London by issuing unrealistic and unachievable targets.
2. The new housing targets, especially for small sites are unrealistic and means ~80% of the borough's target will come from unidentified sources which is incomparable and undeliverable compared to past trend data.
3. The plan makes naive assumptions the increased housing should focus on accommodation for single and/or couples (1-2 beds), without taking in to account the demographic profile of the borough and its need for family housing.
4. Everyone is very concerned about the huge impact on the borough resulting from the increased housing target, as the plan shows no strategy for dealing with the social strain on the local infrastructure, economy and transport.
5. 55% of Richmond is designated Greenbelt and/or MOL - the plan needs greater detail and thought to address the concerns about the pressure to release smaller/non strategic land.