

Mr PAUL MCDONALD comments

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Dear Sir/ Madam,

I am a Labour party member who is appalled at your hypocritical plan to concrete, tarmac & build on our precious gardens in London. We have already decimated our countryside wild life, including essential insects & bacteria through the misuse/ overuse of fertilisers, antibiotics, fungicides, herbicides & the dumping of toxic rubbish. Our own life supporting ecosystems are in danger of collapse. Many of our public parks in cities have been allowed to become bare unattractive wastelands or football pitches.

Mr Khan talks a lot about air quality. Taxing gross polluters is not the answer as more homes = more cars. Many of our gardens sustain wild life but also provide a cleansing function for our city's air. and keep the city cool in hot summers. However this role has been overlooked in the Draft London Plan. Not long ago there was a campaign to stop residents converting their front gardens into car parking lots. This was in the light of extreme precipitation events (on the increase) which cause flooding.

I have written to my GLA member on environmental issues but she never answers her e-mails. What is the point of the GLA when it doesn't listen to its citizens?

Does the GLA have an environmental policy advisor? I'm concerned that the GLA has lost its grip on reality. I agree that London has a housing crisis due to rapid population growth. This is a worldwide phenomenon and as more countries fail politically due to environmental stressors (e.g. sea level rise, extreme weather events & pollution) we must prepare NOW for at least 50% more Londoners within the next 5-10 years while accepting that we will eventually end up with a sterile, alienating, polluted & overcrowded city.

I'm 69 next birthday and in 2018 hope to move out of toxic London into a healthier environment.