

Dear Sadiq Khan (Mayor of London),

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

We need unobstructed travel for vehicles and to have more vehicular access. Less lorries during the day. Pedestrians must be segregated from vehicles. There must be more and easier access for the Disabled and their vehicles and free parking for all. Electric vehicles must be banned as nobody will hear them coming and there will be more crashes and deaths. Ideally London needs to be completely pulled down and redesigned so it can be used by its residents. Much easier access to shops will be essential particularly for the Disabled and Business restricted to the outer areas of London.

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 (SI1). 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
Graham Peacock