

Mr Peter Roberts comments

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I have previously commented on the draft Transport aspects of the new Plan and, separately, on the Ultra low Emission Zone. I now am urging that the role of Neighbourhood Plans should be recognised more strongly and specifically in the new London Plan.

At the moment the draft London Plan does not reflect the importance of neighbourhood plans as recognised in the National Planning Policy Framework. The Plan should contain more than the rather cursory references to the role of neighbourhood planning which is becoming well established in London. The important contributions of neighbourhood planning to achieving the objectives of the Plan must be much more clearly set out.

The draft Plan sets tough objectives for increased housing and envisages developing more small sites. Neighbourhood plans embody local knowledge which will inform better site selection and facilitate the development planning process.

Moreover, the inputs of neighbourhood plans will bring valuable community engagement contributions to achieving the welcome 'good growth' objectives which are emphasised in the draft Plan.

The London Plan must be specific about the role of neighbourhood plans and specific which are the strategic policies with which have to be in general conformity.