

Re - Policy G5 Urban greening and Policy G6 Biodiversity and access to nature (Chapter 8 Green infrastructure and natural environment)

I am writing to comment on the draft London Plan.

I strongly support urban greening and would like to see more more green roofs/walls and trees in London, particularly street trees to benefit wildlife and the people that live in the city.

I would also like to see requirements for new builds over a particular size to have to include internal nest spaces for species like swifts, house sparrows and bats, as the two bird species for example have experienced significant declines, partly due to the loss of nest sites when buildings are refurbished.

A lot of London councils already have their own sustainable development policies, but there needs to be more implementation in terms of requiring developments to install things like swift nest places or green roofs.

In short, I feel that there needs to be a shift in culture where urban greening/biodiversity is no longer the exception, but becomes more widespread in planning and hopefully the London Plan can help to achieve this.