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To: Londonplan
Subject: Draft New London Plan

Dear Sadiq Khan (Mayor of London),

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

Like you, I think that all Londoners have the right to breathe clean air, should all have ready access to nature and should all have the opportunity to benefit from clean, non-polluting energy. For these reasons, I am happy to find that there are some policies in the new London Plan which seek to address these vital environmental issues. In particular, I am please to see the proposal for a ban on fracking, policies to protect greenbelt land and Metropolitan Open Land and a commitment to a zero-carbon London.

This is a very positive start, but only a start.

I really think that your London Plan needs to go much further in a number of ways, and would like to make the following suggestions...

On Renewable Energy & Climate Change

Surely the London Plan should include a clear policy to facilitate, support and promote the uptake of solar energy, and other renewables? The aim to make London a zero carbon city needs to be achieved much sooner than 2050 if we are to meet our global obligations to tackle climate change, and we should therefore have a much more ambitious plan in place to embrace all forms of renewable energy, particularly solar, but also wind.

This could be achieved by adding a strong policy on solar energy (using wording in supporting text 9.2.3), by mentioning renewable energy infrastructure including solar technologies in Policy S13, and by requiring all new homes to be zero carbon.

Green Spaces & Nature

Making London 'greener' is vital for the health and wellbeing of everyone who lives and works here. So why do so many of the Capital's green spaces face pressure from new development? This should not be allowed to happen, and your plan must recognise that loss of green space cannot possibly be made up for with green roofs and sustainable drainage schemes, valuable and necessary though these features are (para 4.2.9). They should be in addition to, not instead of, loss of green spaces to development.

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.

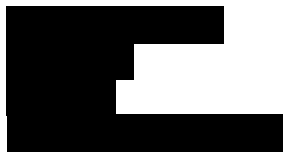
Clean Air

With 10,000 Londoners dying prematurely every year from air pollution, I support the London Plan policy to improve air quality (S11). 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,

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