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Dear Consultation Team,

This is my response to the draft London Plan consultation. I note that the draft recognises the importance of green spaces, but stronger policies are needed to give them adequate protection, in particular:

Backing down on protection for the Green Belt is unacceptable. On the contrary, its protection requires stronger enforcement.

It should not be possible to "swap" designated Metropolitan Open Land.

Private and public gardens should be protected alongside other local green and open spaces.

Policies and funding are needed to improve the quality of green space by reducing noise, light and air pollution, increasing biodiversity, and by giving stronger protection to mature trees and hedgerows. Strict guidelines are needed to govern the siting of wind farms and solar panels.

Informal and formal outdoor sports facilities, including for ball sports, should be protected and enhanced.

A stricter approach is needed to reduce reliance on the private car, including reduced parking provision in new developments and promotion of more sustainable transport modes. Building new roads only encourages car use and should therefore be avoided as much as possible, especially where it affects natural habitat, landscape and heritage.

Excessive housing densities in new development should be resisted to protect the local character of London's neighbourhoods.

More generally, where developers do have official permission to build new homes they should be obliged to begin doing so within one year or face severe financial penalties.

:: There should also be measures to prevent investors buying homes and then deliberately keeping them empty, thereby increasing the need to build homes elsewhere.

:: All rents should be controlled to ensure they are fair both to tenants and landlords. A rent tribunal system should be reintroduced.

:: At least 80 per cent of all new homes should be affordable to buy or to rent for people and families on average incomes.

:: Finally, popular policies to reduce the size of Britain's population should be introduced.

Yours faithfully,

Peter Shrubb

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