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To: Londonplan
Subject: Draft New London Plan

Dear Sadiq Khan (Mayor of London),

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

I believe that everyone in London has the right to breathe clean air, have access to nature and to benefit from clean energy. I am therefore pleased to see policies in the new London Plan which seek to address these important environmental issues. These include policies to protect our Greenbelt and Metropolitan Open Land, a ban on fracking, and a commitment to London becoming zero carbon.

However, I believe the London Plan could be improved in the following ways:

Renewable Energy & Climate Change

I support the ambition for London to become a zero carbon city, however this needs to be achieved sooner than 2050 if we are to meet our global commitments to tackle climate change. To do this, London needs to rapidly embrace renewable energy, including solar. The London Plan should include a clear policy to facilitate, support and promote the uptake of solar energy.

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 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.

FREQUENT ROOF FLOODING/ climate change

I think financial support should be given to help people construct green roofs in order to slow down the torrential rain falls that keep occurring more and more often causing many of our houses to flood from the roof through the entire house. Millions of London houses are terrace Georgian/late Georgian with 'butterfly roofs' and with their small central gutters running from front to back of each property the water has no time to run away off the

property and instead floods all three or 4 stories of the house. Grants should be offered to prevent this as it will happen more and more. Even simple solutions like sedum roofs additions are one of several solutions.

STREET POLLUTION

Italy and some parts of France have taken the initiative and made, many small streets in popular areas where people like to walk, drink coffee or dine al fresco COMPLETELY TRAFFIC FREE. They offer a safe, clean, quiet, and unpolluted area for city dwellers to relax and enjoy their city with their families. This is how many of these areas were originally designed not forthe aesthma inducing, lung poisoning areas they have become. Necessary deliveries could always be brought in late at night as used to be the case. Why do we put the car way ahead of people? Cars of course have their important place but not in these areas. Public transport is good enough to take us to all these places and should be used all the time. It is not a Divine Right as some people think to be able to drive their car absolutely anywhere at any time regardless of the consequences. I am proud of London but not or our pollution.

TREES

Our streets still need more trees especially the wide fast, traffic filled roads that bring us into London. Some are already lined with handsome large trees but many are not or are being planted with ridiculously out of scale small trees that look foolish against our often imposing or heritage buildings lining the routes. We all know the benefits that trees help in providing clean air and without too much complicated technology. Great avenues of trees leading people into our wonderful city is a real sight to behold.

Yours Sincerely,
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Yours sincerely
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