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>Larger developments where users are expected to spend long periods of time or where there is no >other local provision, should also provide 'Changing Places' toilets as identified in the British >Standard BS8300.

I am excited to see that Changing Places toilets are included on the London Plan, this is potentially a big step forward for disabled people. However, I am concerned that the wording is not strong enough, due to the determination of shops/developers/councils to interpret in the loosest sense. In particular, "should also provide 'Changing Places' toilets"...this would in my opinion would be much clearer as "must also provide 'Changing Places' toilets" This allows less "wobble-room".

Similarly "where there is no other local provision" - the devil is in the detail here - what is the definition of "local"? Even a toilet located 1 mile away might be interpreted as "local" but that would be a very long distance for someone with a disabled person in a wheelchair. I would prefer that "no other local provision" was removed, unless "local" is specified exactly.