First I would like to say how unwieldy you made the process of 'having our say.' It almost put me off from commenting at all, and probably did deter others.

After a lot of fiddling about I managed to work out how to sign in and put comments in the relevant sections (mainly on safety). I have tried to sign back in every day this week but was unable to. Making the consultation process so user-unfriendly is not very democratic.

As it is almost the deadline I will add just a few comments:

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Section: 2.1.19 Crossrail 2 (9)

I support Crossrail 2. However, connecting lines will have to be improved in terms of frequency and punctuality. Particularly Great Northern to New Southgate (Kings X, Moorgate). Also stations need to be staffed at night, otherwise many passengers won't use them. Again, the practise of leaving stations unstaffed encourages car use. In general, those who drew up the plan need to be far more aware of safety issues

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Active street frontages. This is especially important in terms of perceived safety. For example in my borough (Barnet) the new developments of flats in Colindale along Grahame Park Way and Aerodrome road do not have these. As a result they are alienating and I would not feel safe after dark walking to these flats. These sort of developments only encourage car use and I hope will they will be objected to at planning stage as part of the New Plan

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Page: Policy S6 Public toilets

Section: <u>5.6.1</u>

Policy S6. So many public toilets have been closed down over the past decades. As an older person, I need toilets every hour or two. If I think there will not be any available I would not make a journey. For example, the toilets in Paternoster Square by St Pauls close at 8pm, while the cathedral holds evening events that go on later, and does not usually offer toilet facilities (apart from portaloos for some concerts). This is pretty poor service for one of London's top tourist attractions, not to mention for resident Londoners

Page: Multi-policy response

Section: N/A

Full comment (suplimentary) - see attachment