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I am writing in response to the Draft London Plan.

Access to green open space makes life in London worth living. With this in mind, proposals to increase green open space within London are welcomed. However:

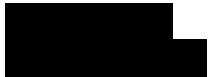
- The protections afforded to Green Belt and Metropolitan Open Land must be stronger. The new London Plan must make an unequivocal commitment to protecting them; they should be protected, not from inappropriate development but from development period.
- The idea of land swaps must be scrapped as it weakens statements supporting the protection of Metropolitan Open Land.
- Parks and green open spaces must be properly funded.
- Encouraging developers to think about green space is welcomed, but they must not be permitted to use the concept of 'urban greening' to justify designing public green open space out of new developments.
- Any reference to methods to mitigate against harm to a SINC should be removed. The new London Plan must not water down its commitment to protecting SINC's.
- The new London Plan should make a stronger commitment to protecting mature trees and hedgerows in the city. These are much-loved features of our city landscape and their loss at the hands of developers is devastating.
- The new London Plan should also make a stronger commitment to protecting the natural environment from light and air pollution, as both have significant impacts on biodiversity and human health.

It is essential that housing in London is affordable for the people who live here, but the London Plan needs to be much bolder about how it makes this happen:

- All developments on council-owned land must contain 100% social housing. Public land must not be sold off to line the pockets of developers.
- Policies must be put in place to stop overseas investors buying up homes in London. Homes in London should be bought by people living in London or by people willing to rent to Londoners for a living rent.
- Once, and only once, all empty properties in London are lived in should we consider a rush to build new homes. The housing crisis is centred on who owns our housing stock and how those homes are made available for people to live in, and not necessarily on a shortage of properties.
- The character of a neighbourhood must be factored into decisions to approve planning applications. Too often grossly inappropriate developments are forced on local people, who have very few mechanisms to object to plans that will fundamentally alter the places they have chosen to live; and this must stop.

With best wishes

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