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Dear Mayor Khan and the London Plan team,

With reference to the London Plan consultation I wish to respond as follows.

Trees are literally our breath of fresh air for all. They don't discriminate, they simply give out our oxygen for everyone's benefit and help remove the CO2 emissions that we put into our air. So it is our duty to protect what we have and to increase the planting of new trees, forests, copses etc. They are important to peoples' wellbeing, you feel energized when you walk among the trees, see them with your own eyes. Their fruits benefit both animals and humans. Everyone in our country needs to be part of this very important project, from businesses, schools, hospitals, local communities, we can all do our part together with you. Thank you as always for your time and consideration in these matters. Mrs L. Zaidman

In the sections listed below (in the same order as they appear in the draft London Plan).

- Paragraph 1.3.3. Recommend an addition (in CAPS) to the following sentence: "Access to green and open spaces, including waterways AND TREES, can improve health, but access varies widely across the city."
- Paragraph 3.9.5. I support the inclusion of "Protection for trees" as an issue in the amplification of potential negative impacts of large-scale basement development beneath existing buildings.
- Policy H1. Increasing housing supply. I recommend that Sentence B2)d is clarified so that "public sector owned sites" will not include woodland, parks and open spaces.
- Paragraph 4.2.9. I support the principle of "no net loss of overall green cover" as a result of small housing developments, and support "off-site provision such as new street trees" in order to achieve this principle. I recommend an addition (in CAPS) to the following sentence: "Loss of existing biodiversity OR GREEN SPACE, as a result of small housing developments, should be mitigated through measures such as the installation of green roofs, the provision of landscaping that facilitates sustainable urban drainage, or off-site provision such as new street trees in order to achieve the principle of no net loss of overall green cover. Rainwater attenuation features should be incorporated to achieve greenfield run off rates. LOSS OF ANY PUBLIC GREEN SPACE WILL BE COMPENSATED FOR WITH ALTERNATIVE ACCESSIBLE SITES."
- Policy S4. Play and informal recreation. I support section B2)d, that residential development proposals for schemes that are likely to be used by children and young people should incorporate good-quality, accessible play provision for all ages, of at least 10 square metres per child that: "incorporates trees and/or other forms of greenery".
- Policy G1. Green infrastructure. I support this policy, and subsequent narrative that mentions the important role of trees.
- Policy G5. Urban greening. I support this policy, including the recommended Urban Green Space Factor, and subsequent narrative that mentions the important role of trees. I support the inclusion of the role and weighting for woodland and trees in Table 8.2 - Urban Greening Factors. I recommend including a reference to Residential Development and Trees (Woodland Trust, 2015, woodlandtrust.org.uk/residentialdevelopments).
- Policy G6. Biodiversity and access to nature. I support this policy. I recommend that Sites of Metropolitan Importance and all ancient woodlands are added to the categories of planning applications that must be referred to the Mayor.
- Policy G7. Trees and woodlands. I support this policy. I recommend that Section B)1 is strengthened as follows (amendments in CAPS): "GIVE THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE protection TO 'veteran' trees and ancient woodland, ESPECIALLY where these are not already part of a protected site". I support the subsequent narrative on the role of trees, particularly paragraphs 8.71 – 8.73. I recommend referring London boroughs to guidance on ancient

woodland and veteran trees: Planners' manual for ancient woodland and veteran trees(Woodland Trust, 2017, woodlandtrust.org.uk/plannersmanual).

Please accept this my formal response to the consultation. I will look forward to hearing from you as the Plan progresses.

Yours,

Lynn Zaidman

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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 (S11). 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.

PROMOTE THE USE OF ELECTRIC BICYCLES AS A NEW MEANS OF TRANSPORT. SO OFTEN ONLY ONE PERSON IS IN A CAR DRIVING INTO LONDON AND NEARBY BOROUGHES.

Yours Sincerely,

Yours sincerely  
Lynn Zaidman