

Dear Sadiq Khan (Mayor of London),

I believe that everyone in London has the right to breathe clean air, have access to nature and to benefit from clean energy, Green Spaces & Nature.

I live in the Kennington Road backing onto [REDACTED]. A new development approved by Lambeth Planning has been given the go ahead, despite it's creation meaning the loss of several mature trees in what is currently a green oasis and building a 2 storey house in what has always been a garden. A mews development also means a further loss of mature trees.

This development, in a conservation area received over 100 passionate complaints backed up by strong evidence siting all the numerous examples of laws being broken, all of which were ignored in the quest for more housing.

These plans fly in the face of numerous Lambeth laws and Lambeth Conservation laws none of which have been acknowledged.

When plans like this are approved I will view all these greener London plans with the greatest suspicion seeing them simply as someone wanting to look good on paper. We are being fobbed off with a concreting over a garden space (currently filled with wildlife) and a house with a green roof replacing mature trees and threatening the lives of existing trees.

Making London greener is essential for people's health and wellbeing. Yet many local green spaces face pressure from new development (as exempld above). The Plan must recognise that loss of green space cannot always be made up for through green roofs (as exempld above) 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.

Yours Sincerely,

Yours sincerely  
joanna dickerson