



## HEAR EQUALITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS NETWORK

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Covering note:

The views expressed in the below were gathered from members of the HEAR Equality and Human Rights Network and participants at HEAR and HEAR partnership events, either specifically around the London Plan, or related to Mayoral strategies, including the Diversity and Inclusion strategy and the Health Inequality strategy.

All the comments are submitted by the HEAR Equality and Human Rights Network as a composite summary of the comments and views of members of the network, and not the views of HEAR CIO itself, which exists to present the varying views of members and does not hold organisational positions on specific issues itself.

### Matter 6-Consultation

There were good efforts to engage with equalities focused community groups during the consultation process, and opportunities to run consultation events at City Hall were facilitated by GLA colleagues, with a specific focus on equality issues. However participation in these events was made impossible for some disabled participants because of the shocking lack of sufficient disabled parking spaces at City Hall, which is a matter of significant concern. Added to this is the

complexity of arrangements required to use taxis to travel to City Hall because of the lack of road access at street level, and the bureaucracy in place to gain access for taxis; participation for many is greatly compromised, in not just this but many other Mayoral consultation and engagement exercises.

The format of the document itself was very dense, and although the presentation online, with the document broken down into sections, was helpful for some, others felt that it was very difficult to navigate, particularly those who don't access online information, or have specific impairments. For example the Easy Read version of the document was not widely promoted or displayed, making it much more difficult to access. Copies should have been readily available at all consultation events, and not only on request.

It would have been much better to have consulted on the Plan before the various Mayoral strategies that were consulted on prior, as the Plan is 'high level' and the strategies contain the detail -the housing strategy for example was closed for consultation prior to the consultation on the Plan, but contains the detail of the higher level plans in the housing chapter; members of HEAR expressed concern that points related to the housing strategy submitted to the Draft London Plan consultation won't be acted on, as the consultation for the Housing Strategy was already closed, and therefore not able to be influenced.

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