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Dear Consultation Team,

I am not sure if I am understanding how one should comment on the Draft London Plan? Should this only be through the london.gov.uk portal? I found this process unnecessarily complicated with comments having to be entered under specific headings and the registering process...

I am sure many others like me would have preferred to send comments in response to the whole LP document where they are easily cross-referenced while being formulated. I think because of the method of consultation, the quality and quantity of comments will be reduced. I do hope this method of consultation is a one off and discontinued!

After that gripe, I am writing to respond to the draft London Plan (LP) consultation.


I am pleased that the draft LP recognises the importance of green spaces/green infrastructure but policies need to be stronger to give them more effective protection and/or encourage their integration into the built environment, in particular:

- Protecting the Green Belt requires stronger enforcement – land in this category is under great threat with significant development taking place (or has already taken place) in all relevant boroughs.
- It should not be possible to 'swap' designated Metropolitan Open Land.
- Private and public gardens should be protected alongside other local green and open spaces.
- Policies and funding are needed to improve the quality of green space by reducing noise, light and air pollution, increasing biodiversity, and by giving stronger protection to mature trees and hedgerows.
- The strongest possible terms should be employed to see that all new developments are fitted with green roofs and/or green walls, bug, bird and bat boxes (retrofitting of existing buildings should also be explored) and that landscaping includes native and non-native plant species which are attractive to wildlife. These aims should be reflected in the advice given to local authorities in pursuance of their duties. Lighting in new (and existing) developments should be 'bat friendly' wherever appropriate.
- Informal and formal outdoor sports facilities, including those suitable for field sports, should be protected and enhanced.
- A stricter approach is needed to reduce reliance on the private car, including reduced parking provision in new developments and promotion of more sustainable transport modes.
- Excessive housing densities in new developments should be resisted to protect the local character of London's neighbourhoods and to avoid the undue burden this will place on local infrastructure and facilities.

Kind regards,

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