

Shaping the Future London Plan

People walking and cycling by the docks in the context of emerging new development in the Royal Docks

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The **London Assembly Planning and Regeneration Committee** has published a series of letters and outputs to the Mayor to ensure the next iteration of the London Plan considers the needs of all of London's communities.

In December 2021, the Greater London Authority (GLA) began the process of engaging with Londoners and other stakeholders through the 'Planning for London Programme.' The aim of the programme is to gather evidence, capture the views of stakeholders and identify issues that a future London Plan review could consider.

The London Plan 2021 is the Spatial Development Strategy for Greater London. It sets out a framework for how London will develop over the next 20-25 years and the Mayor's vision for Good Growth.

The Plan is part of the statutory development plan for London, meaning that the policies in the Plan should inform decisions on planning applications across the capital.

The way we design our buildings plays a crucial role in shaping the health and wellbeing of London's communities. This year, the Planning and Regeneration Committee ran a number of investigations into how planning can both help and hinder the ways in which people live and travel around the capital. The Committee conducted investigations into:

- The architectural design of social housing in London
- The concept of the "15-minute city" and what this would look like in London
- The extent to which planning can help "design out" crime in our communities
- The impact of planning decisions on accessibility for Disabled people
- The extent to which women and girls are impacted by the design of the built environment.

The **Committee's** work programme this year was designed to actively contribute and feed into the Planning for London Programme.

Through the investigations, the **Committee** heard that, while the Mayor and GLA have carried out important work in this area, there are still many challenges and more can be done to make London's spaces inclusive for everyone.

The **Committee** remains committed to advocating for further measures to address the needs of London's diverse communities and promote a city that prioritises the safety and wellbeing of all Londoners.

Key recommendations from the Committee's investigations include:

- The next London Plan should include policies that make explicit reference to the importance of creating gender-diverse spaces. The GLA should prepare stand-alone guidance on creating gender diverse spaces.
- The Mayor should publish London Plan Guidance (LPG) on inclusive design for developers, local authorities and planning authorities to follow throughout the design process. In doing so, the LPG should collate and present examples of good practice where tensions arise between "inclusive design" and "safety." This guidance should also set out good practice on public consultations with specific groups who are typically less likely to engage with open consultation processes, such as young people.
- The GLA should create a training programme for Building Control Officers to ensure they are aware of how developments can comply with London Plan policies on improving accessibility for Disabled people.

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