

CPRE LONDON'S FIVE PRIORITY AREAS FOR THE NEW LONDON PLAN

The GLA is expected to publish the new London Plan consultation on Friday 1 December 2017. This plan will be vital for the future development of London and improvement of its environment. To help make London a better place for everyone it should contain strong policies to:

1. **Make much better use of wasted space** including
 - Re-modelling low-rise, low density retail/industrial estates for new housing and employment space.
 - Regenerating suburban town centres to increase housing densities in outer London
 - Reclaiming London's *grey space* - land devoted to car-related infrastructure such as surface car parking, derelict garages, underused lanes, and roundabouts - with an ambitious target to reduce land given over to cars.
 - Establishing an 'Urban Land Commission' to explore new measures to make better use of urban land and support the target to make more than half of London green space.
2. **Secure the housing we need in the right places** including:
 - Meeting local housing need with more genuinely affordable housing rather than responding to spurious targets based on crude measures of market affordability.
 - Promoting sensitive regeneration and intensification of low density housing estates in the most sustainable locations
 - Prioritising housing delivery on small sites of less than 0.25ha (about the size of ten tennis courts) and intervening to speed up the implementation of planning permissions.
 - Bringing empty homes and other suitable vacant buildings back into use.
3. **Restrict low density, car dependent development** including:
 - Blocking applications which pay insufficient regard to the need to reduce car use.
 - Encouraging more efficient use of land through well-designed, higher density schemes.
 - Taking an integrated approach to major development sites to encourage modal shift.
 - Adopting a city-region approach to controlling low density sprawl outside London.
4. **Take effective action to protect London's Green Belt and Metropolitan Open Land** including:
 - Requiring a more rigorous approach to Green Belt reviews.
 - Increasing GLA capacity to intervene in planning applications and Local Plan proposals which affect Green Belt.
 - Using Compulsory Purchase Powers to support the enhancement Green Belt land.
 - Maintaining an up to date and publicly available database on Green Belt and MOL.
5. **Promote the protection and improvement of tranquil spaces**, including:
 - Reducing noise and air pollution in parks through traffic management and landscaping.
 - Developing a network of quiet walking routes between tranquil places across London.
 - Preventing and reducing light pollution in existing and new developments.