

The New London Plan



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Role of the London Plan

- Overall strategic plan for London – guides the development of London over the next 20–25 years
- Framework for the development and use of land in London
- London-wide policy context which boroughs can automatically use. If they wish to deviate- they have to set out how in their detailed local planning policies (which must go through full process)
- Borough local plans must be in ‘general conformity’ with the London Plan
- Policy framework for the Mayor’s decisions on strategic planning applications referred by the Boroughs
- Ensures joined-up policy delivery – with other Mayoral Statutory Strategies



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This new London Plan marks a break with previous London Plans, represents a step-change in our approach and serves as a blueprint for the future development and sustainable, inclusive growth of our city.



The new London Plan process

Timetable

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Good Growth policies

BUILDING STRONG
AND INCLUSIVE
COMMUNITIES

GROWING A GOOD
ECONOMY

INCREASING
EFFICIENCY AND
RESILIENCE

CREATING A HEALTHY
CITY

DELIVERING THE HOMES
LONDONERS NEED

MAKING THE BEST USE
OF LAND



Policy GG1 Building strong and inclusive communities

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To build on the city's tradition of openness, diversity and equality, and help deliver strong and inclusive communities, those involved in planning and development must:

- A Seek to ensure that London continues to generate a wide range of economic and other opportunities, and that everyone is able to benefit from these to ensure that London is a fairer and more equal city.
- B Provide access to good quality services and amenities that accommodate, encourage and strengthen communities, increasing active participation and social integration, and addressing social isolation.
- C Ensure that streets and public spaces are planned for people to move around and spend time in comfort and safety, creating places where everyone is welcome, which foster a sense of belonging and community ownership, and where communities can develop and flourish.
- D Promote the crucial role town centres have in the social, civic, cultural and economic lives of Londoners, and plan for places that provide important opportunities for face-to-face contact and social interaction during the daytime, evening and night time.
- E Ensure that new buildings and the spaces they create are designed to reinforce or enhance the legibility, permeability, and inclusivity of neighbourhoods, and are resilient and adaptable to changing community requirements.
- F Support the creation of a London where all Londoners, including older people, disabled people and people with young children can move around with ease and enjoy the opportunities the city provides, creating a welcoming environment that everyone can use confidently, independently, and with choice and dignity, avoiding separation or segregation.

Policy GG3 Creating a healthy city

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To improve Londoners' health and reduce health inequalities, those involved in planning and development must:

- A Ensure that the wider determinants of health are addressed in an integrated and co-ordinated way, taking a systematic approach to improving the mental and physical health of all Londoners and reducing health inequalities.
- B Promote more active and healthy lifestyles for all Londoners and enable them to make healthy choices.
- C Use the Healthy Streets Approach to prioritise health in all planning decisions.
- D Assess the potential impacts of development proposals on the health and wellbeing of communities, in order to mitigate any potential negative impacts and help reduce health inequalities, for example through the use of Health Impact Assessments.
- E Plan for improved access to green spaces and the provision of new green infrastructure.
- F Ensure that new buildings are well-insulated and sufficiently ventilated to avoid the health problems associated with damp, heat and cold.
- G Seek to create a healthy food environment, increasing the availability of healthy food and restricting unhealthy options.

Policy GG4 Delivering the homes that Londoners need

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To create a housing market that works better for all Londoners, those involved in planning and development must:

- A Ensure that more homes are delivered.
- B Support the delivery of the strategic target of 50 per cent of all new homes being genuinely affordable.
- C Create mixed and inclusive communities, with good quality homes that meet high standards of design and provide for identified needs, including for specialist housing.

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GLA Gypsy and traveller accommodation topic paper 2017



Policy H16 plan to meet need

A. Boroughs should plan to meet the identified need for permanent Gypsy and Traveller pitches.



Policy H16

new definition

- B As of the start of this Plan period, boroughs should use the following definition of 'Gypsies and Travellers' as a basis for assessing need:
- People with a cultural tradition of nomadism, or living in a caravan, whatever their race or origin, including:
- 1) those who are currently travelling or living in a caravan
 - 2) those who currently live in bricks and mortar dwelling households whose existing accommodation is unsuitable for them by virtue of their cultural preference not to live in bricks and mortar accommodation
 - 3) those who, on grounds of their own or their family's or dependants' educational or health needs or old age, have ceased to travel temporarily or permanently.

4.16.6 The new definition should be used within London for the purposes of assessing accommodation need, and auditing and protecting existing sites and pitches.

Policy H16

if a borough has not undertaken a needs assessment since 2008

- C Boroughs that have not undertaken a needs assessment since 2008 should either:
- 1) undertake a Gypsy and Traveller accommodation needs assessment within the first two years of this Plan period (based on the definition set out above); or
 - 2) use the midpoint figure of need in Table 3 of GLA Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Topic Paper 2017 as identified need for pitches (over the next 10 years) until a needs assessment is undertaken as part of their Development Plan review process.

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- D Boroughs that have undertaken a needs assessment since 2008 should update this (based on the definition set out above) as part of their Development Plan review process.



Policy H16 pitch and site audits

E Boroughs should undertake an audit of existing pitches and sites, identifying:

- 1) areas of overcrowding
- 2) areas of potential extra capacity within existing sites
- 3) pitches in need of refurbishment.

Boroughs should plan to address issues identified in the audits.



Policy H16 protection of existing capacity

- F Boroughs should actively plan to protect existing Gypsy and Traveller accommodation capacity, and this should be taken into account when considering new residential developments to ensure inclusive, balanced and cohesive communities are created.



Policy H16

Supporting text

4.16.7 Boroughs should **actively plan for Gypsies and Travellers' accommodation needs**, and should ensure that new sites are well connected to social infrastructure, health care, education and public transport facilities, and contribute to a wider, inclusive neighbourhood.

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4.16.9 If existing pitches have to be **re-located or re-provided** within a borough, the new provision should take into account existing family or community groupings and avoid splitting these up wherever possible. The community should be involved in the planning of any unavoidable re-locations to ensure satisfactory solutions are achieved.



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Supporting text

4.16.10 Where **new pitches** are proposed, the pitch and site layouts and the design of service blocks should be accessible and adaptable to ensure they are suitable for a range of users including disabled and older people, and families with young children.



How to comment/ questions...

Comments need to be received by 5pm Friday 2 March 2018

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