



## Draft London Plan

This survey invites your views on **Chapter 5: *Creating a greener, resilient and healthy (GHR) city*** in the draft London Plan.

This consultation is to enable us to test whether the draft London Plan is legally compliant, and if it passes the test of soundness. We are unable to accept responses to the consultation that are more general in nature, and which do not provide your comments on specific chapters or policies in the draft London Plan.

You may respond to as many policies within this chapter as you wish. Please ensure you have commented on all of the policies you wish to comment on before you 'submit' this questionnaire to us.

You can also submit your response by email to [londonplan@london.gov.uk](mailto:londonplan@london.gov.uk) or write to us at Sadiq Khan, Mayor of London, Draft London Plan, London Plan Team, Planning & Regeneration, City Hall, Kamal Chunchie Way, London, E16 1ZE.

**Please note:** representations submitted through this consultation may be processed and assessed using an artificial intelligence (AI) tool. The AI tool will assist in analysing responses to identify key themes and issues. Where there is supplementary information, software may be used to condense wording to a manageable extent for analysis. All outputs will be reviewed and validated by planning officers before any conclusions are drawn.

Our consultation will close on **15 October 2026 (17:00)**.



## Survey

1- Please tell us in what capacity you are responding?

(Choose any one option)

- ☐ Representing a stakeholder or organisation
- ☐ A member of the public

Answer Q2 only if you have chosen Representing a stakeholder or organisation in Q1.

2- Please tell us what stakeholder you represent in the space below.

3- Which of the following most closely describes the sector you or your organisation belongs to:

(Choose any one option)

- ☐ London boroughs and local authorities
- ☐ Development and built environment sector
- ☐ Housing sector
- ☐ Infrastructure, utilities and transport providers
- ☐ Business and economy stakeholders
- ☐ Community and resident groups
- ☐ Equality, inclusion and representative organisations
- ☐ Environment, climate and heritage organisations
- ☐ Public services and institutions
- ☐ Politicians and elected representatives
- ☐ Other (please specify below)



## Legal and Procedural requirements

Before the London Plan can be adopted, it must comply with a range of legal and procedural requirements. These legal duties are set out in section 6 of the Mayoral Decision for the Consultation found [here](#) and include duties in relation to

- Statutory consultation
  - Sustainability Appraisal
  - Strategic Environmental Assessment
  - Equalities duties
  - Habitat Regulations Assessment; and
- other legislative duties placed upon the Mayor in the Greater London Authority Act 1999 [Greater London Authority Act 1999](#) , the Town and Country Planning (London Spatial Development Strategy) Regulations 2000 [The Town and Country Planning \(London Spatial Development Strategy\) Regulations 2000](#)

Compliance with these requirements is considered by the Inspector as part of the Examination in Public. The statutory and procedural requirements ensure that:

- The London Plan includes all required components (e.g., key diagrams, reasoned justification)
- The Mayor has undertaken proper public participation and consultation
- The Plan has been prepared with regard to national policy, EU obligations, and sustainable development considerations
- All procedural steps are correctly followed

This consultation is seeking views on the draft Plan, its evidence base and supporting documents. Consultees should have regard to the legal and procedural requirements when making representations.

4- Do you consider that, in overall terms, the draft London Plan complies with the relevant legal and procedural requirements applicable to its preparation?

(Choose any one option)

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No



Answer Q5 only if you have chosen No for Q 4.

5- Please provide reasons for your response and identify any specific areas where you consider that the draft London Plan may not meet the legal or procedural requirements, providing evidence where appropriate?



## Soundness

Once legal compliance has been established, the London Plan is assessed against the four tests of soundness set out in national planning policy and detailed below

- **Positively prepared:** The plan meets objectively assessed development needs, including unmet requirements from neighbours, consistent with sustainable development
- **Justified:** The plan is the most appropriate strategy when considered against reasonable alternatives, supported by proportionate evidence
- **Effective:** The plan is deliverable over its period and based on effective joint working on cross-boundary strategic matters
- **Consistent with national policy:** The plan enables the delivery of sustainable development in accordance with the policies in the [National Planning Policy Framework](#)

The following questions will ask whether or not you believe each policy in this chapter meets the 'test of soundness', and any updated national planning policy published within the consultation period as part of a revised NPPF (see [National Planning Policy Framework – GOV.UK](#)). The 'test of soundness' is a key part of the independent examination of the London Plan 'to ensure it is fit for purpose.

### GHR1: Energy efficiency

- 6- Do you consider that, in overall terms, the Chapter or policy identified within the draft London Plan is sound, having regard to the four tests of soundness? (Choose any one option)

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No  
☐ Don't know

Answer Q7 only if you have chosen No for Q6.

- 7- In particular, please provide reasons in the space below for your response and identify any specific areas where you consider the Plan may fail to meet any of the four tests of soundness. You may want to consider the following questions as part of those reasons:

- Does the Plan identify the key needs of the area appropriately?



- Are there additional needs that should be addressed?
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Answer Q8 only if you have chosen Don't know for Q6.

8- If you have answered 'Don't know' and want to explain why, please use the space below to do so.



## GHR2: Low-cost low-carbon heat

9- Do you consider that, in overall terms, the Chapter or policy identified within the draft London Plan is sound, having regard to the four tests of soundness?  
(Choose any one option)

(Choose any one option)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know

Answer Q10 only if you have chosen No for Q9.

10- In particular, please provide reasons in the space below for your response and identify any specific areas where you consider the Plan may fail to meet any of the four tests of soundness. You may want to consider the following questions as part of those reasons:

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Answer Q11 only if you have chosen Don't know for Q9.

11- If you have answered 'Don't know' and want to explain why, please use the space below to do so.



### GHR3: Whole life-cycle carbon

12- Do you consider that, in overall terms, the Chapter or policy identified within the draft London Plan is sound, having regard to the four tests of soundness? (Choose any one option)

(Choose any one option)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know

Answer Q13 only if you have chosen No for Q12.

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Answer Q14 only if you have chosen Don't know for Q12.

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#### **GHR4: Heat risk**

15- Do you consider that, in overall terms, the Chapter or policy identified within the draft London Plan is sound, having regard to the four tests of soundness? (Choose any one option)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know

Answer Q16 only if you have chosen No for Q15.

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Answer Q17 only if you have chosen Don't know for Q15.

17- If you have answered 'Don't know' and want to explain why, please use the space below to do so.



## GHR5: Flood risk and drainage

18- Do you consider that, in overall terms, the Chapter or policy identified within the draft London Plan is sound, having regard to the four tests of soundness? (Choose any one option)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know

Answer Q19 only if you have chosen No for Q18.

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## **GHR6: Trees, biodiversity and geodiversity**

21- Do you consider that, in overall terms, the Chapter or policy identified within the draft London Plan is sound, having regard to the four tests of soundness? (Choose any one option)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know

Answer Q22 only if you have chosen No for Q21.

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Answer Q23 only if you have chosen Don't know for Q21.

23- If you have answered 'Don't know' and want to explain why, please use the space below to do so.



## GHR7: Green infrastructure and Urban Greening Factor

24- Do you consider that, in overall terms, the Chapter or policy identified within the draft London Plan is sound, having regard to the four tests of soundness? (Choose any one option)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know

Answer Q25 only if you have chosen No for Q24.

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Answer Q26 only if you have chosen Don't know for Q24.

26- If you have answered 'Don't know' and want to explain why, please use the space below to do so.



## GHR8: Accessible green space

27- Do you consider that, in overall terms, the Chapter or policy identified within the draft London Plan is sound, having regard to the four tests of soundness? (Choose any one option)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know

Answer Q28 only if you have chosen No for Q27.

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Answer Q29 only if you have chosen Don't know for Q27.

29- If you have answered 'Don't know' and want to explain why, please use the space below to do so.



## GHR9: Clean and healthy waterways

30- Do you consider that, in overall terms, the Chapter or policy identified within the draft London Plan is sound, having regard to the four tests of soundness? (Choose any one option)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know

Answer Q31 only if you have chosen No for Q30.

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32- If you have answered 'Don't know' and want to explain why, please use the space below to do so.



## GHR10: Air quality

33- Do you consider that, in overall terms, the Chapter or policy identified within the draft London Plan is sound, having regard to the four tests of soundness? (Choose any one option)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know

Answer Q34 only if you have chosen No for Q33.

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Answer Q35 only if you have chosen Don't know for Q33.

35- If you have answered 'Don't know' and want to explain why, please use the space below to do so.



## GHR11: Cycle and car parking

36- Do you consider that, in overall terms, the Chapter or policy identified within the draft London Plan is sound, having regard to the four tests of soundness? (Choose any one option)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know

Answer Q37 only if you have chosen No for Q36.

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Answer Q38 only if you have chosen Don't know for Q36.

38- If you have answered 'Don't know' and want to explain why, please use the space below to do so.



39- If you are seeking any modification to the plan, please confirm whether you would wish to appear at the Examination in Public, if requested to do so by the Inspector. If so, we will pass your details to the Inspector who will decide whether to issue a formal invitation to you at a later date. The Inspectors themselves would set the dates that the hearing would be held.

(Choose any one option)

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No

Answer Q40 only if you have chosen Yes to Q39.

40- Please explain in the space below why you consider it necessary for you to attend the Examination in Public.



41- If you have any general comments about any of the chapters in this policy, please record them here. Where you have a comment about a specific policy, it would help us if you could make clear which policy your comment relates to.