



Towards a new London Plan: London Association for Directors of Public Health (ADPHL) Position

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The London Association of Directors of Public Health (ADPH London), representing Directors of Public Health (DsPH) across London's 32 boroughs and the City of London, welcomes the opportunity to contribute to the consultation process and development of the Mayor of London's new London Plan¹, which is due to be published in 2026, and advocates for the embedding of health supporting measures within it, to improve and protect the health of Londoners.

Our position represents the perspective of our membership and leadership team, based on public health principles, have identified key aspects of the plan that impact on population health, whilst meeting economic and housing growth in the capital, as ultimately a healthy population supports economic growth. ADPH London urges the Mayor to ensure that health and health equity are central to the London Plan, as well as adherence to current national health policies and priorities, to deliver inclusive growth, and unlocking economic potential, enable a fairer, healthier, and more resilient city for all.

Key Messages:

- **Health as a Foundation for Growth:** A healthy population underpins economic prosperity. The London Plan must prioritise and embed health equity, inclusive communities and resilient infrastructure to enable long-term growth.
- **Affordable, Inclusive Housing:** We support the ambition for 88,000 new homes annually but stress the need for affordability, accessibility, and suitability for diverse populations, including older adults, families, and those with complex needs. Housing delivery must include essential health and community infrastructure from the outset.
- **Healthy Environments:** We support policies that promote active travel, reduce car dependency, improve air quality, and mitigate climate risks. Green spaces, sustainable transport and resilient design are essential for physical and mental wellbeing.
- **Community-Centred Planning:** Town centres and high streets should be inclusive, safe, and health-promoting. Public toilets, accessible design, and safety after dark are vital for participation in civic life, especially for older residents, women and nighttime workers.
- **Health Infrastructure and Prevention:** The Plan should retain policies on hot food takeaways and address gambling harms, particularly around schools. We support a 400m exclusion zone for new gambling premises near schools, mirroring existing takeaway policies.

¹ New London Plan Consultation: <https://www.london.gov.uk/programmes-strategies/planning/london-plan/towards-new-london-plan-consultation>



- Implementation and Delivery: Planning must go beyond design to ensure inclusive delivery. Lessons from previous developments with limited health infrastructure highlight the need for integrated health and community services and sustainable funding models.

ADPH London looks forward to continuing to help shape the new London Plan, as we believe it is an important opportunity to set the tone and vision for a future London which is healthy, inclusive as well as prosperous. The new Plan can provide an important lever for Boroughs for their local planning. A progressive and visionary London plan will allow local areas to develop their own progressive plans