

Full Council, 30 January 2018

Administration Motion in the name of Cllr Melvin Cohen

The London Mayor's Draft London Plan is bad for Barnet and bad for London

Council expresses grave reservations about the content of the London Mayor's Draft London Plan and its implications for Barnet. It is another example of this Mayor imposing inner London solutions on outer London problems.

The Draft Plan's overarching theme is to cram as much small, high-density housing into as much available land as possible, even if this means building in people's back gardens. To achieve this, the Draft Plan removes all reference to the housing density matrix and states that minimum space standards should not be exceeded. Council considers this hypocritical from a Mayor who so loudly condemned 'rabbit hutch' homes.

Council also notes the Draft Plan is entirely bereft of targets for family homes. Mayor Boris Johnson's housing strategy, by contrast, had a target for 36% of affordable homes to be family sized — but the current London Mayor told the London Assembly this month he considered a two-bedroom flat to be a family home.

Council calls on the Leader to make known these objections to the London Mayor.

[Under the relevant FCPR I request that my motion is voted on at the meeting.]