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Dear Andrew

Consultation on Draft London Planning Statement

I am writing on behalf of Clean Air in London (CAL) with comments on the above consultation, which closes on 5 February.

CAL is a company limited by guarantee which campaigns to achieve urgently and sustainably full compliance with World Health Organisation (WHO) guidelines for air quality throughout London (and elsewhere). CAL is independent of any government funding, has cross-party support and a large number of supporters, both individuals in London and organisations. CAL provides a channel for both public concern and expert opinion on air pollution.

CAL's comments on the Planning Statement relate to the stated plans for Supplementary Planning Guidance set out in table 1 on page 22. We note the welcome inclusion here of an SPG on 'Emissions from construction sites' (to be launched in draft in spring 2013), but we do not see any mention of an SPG providing guidance on 'air quality neutral' development.

As you know, the London Plan states that development should 'be at least 'air quality neutral' and not lead to further deterioration of existing poor air quality'. CAL understood that further guidance was to be provided on the implementation of this pledge: a TfL committee paper produced in December 2011 stated that 'The GLA will publish Supplementary Planning Guidance early in 2012, which will provide further advice on the principle of 'air quality neutral':

<http://www.tfl.gov.uk/assets/downloads/Item04-SHEAC-Air-Quality.pdf>

To our knowledge this important guidance has not yet been released, and the final London Planning Statement must clarify when it will be available and how it will be published i.e. as a standalone SPG or incorporated into a wider document such as the planned 'Sustainable Design/Construction' SPG.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely

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