

## **Just Space Network media release**

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### **LONDON GROUPS TO CHALLENGE MAYOR BORIS JOHNSON'S LONDON PLAN PROPOSALS**

**1:00pm Monday 28 June 2010 – Just Space Network press conference and photo call outside City Hall**

**2:00pm Opening Statement by the Mayor or his representative at the start of the Examination in Public (EiP) of the replacement London Plan.**

Members of Just Space (JS) will challenge many aspects of the Mayor's proposed London Plan when it is opened up for public scrutiny on Monday June 28th.

The Just Space Network is concerned that the Plan, which sets out the Mayor's planning strategy for the capital, will not tackle long-standing issues facing London such as inequality, pressure on the environment and the need to foster sustainable communities.

Representing thousands of Londoners, the Just Space Network is an alliance of local community groups and London-wide pressure groups and will participate at the Examination in Public (EiP) of the London Plan. The groups will promote a positive set of improvements to policy and a more radical long-term vision during this key scrutiny of the capital's 25-year strategy, which influences and directs all local borough plans.

The JS groups will debate alongside the many property developers and business sector lobbies also appearing at the hearings and expect to clash with these on many issues throughout the 36-day process.

Dave Morris of Haringey Federation of Residents Associations, on behalf of the Just Space network, said: "We aim to put forward changes to policy that would make planning decisions fairer as well as environmentally responsible for the future. All communities should have the greatest possible influence over the policies, resources and decision-making which affect their neighbourhoods."

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#### **Notes to Editors:**

**1.** The Examination in Public (EiP) of the replacement London Plan is a statutory process and begins 2:00pm Monday 28 June 2010 at City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London SE1 2AA when the Mayor or his representative will make the opening statement. The first hearing concerns the 'vision and objectives' of the Plan.

**2.** Hearing dates programmed for 36 days:  
June 28,29 July 1,2,5,6,8,9,12,13,15,16 August summer recess September 6,9,10,13,14,16,17,20,21,23 October 5,7,8,11,12,14,15, 18,19,20,22

**3.** For full timetable participants and statements see <http://www.london.gov.uk/london-plan-eip>

**4.** The Just Space network was formed during the last partial revision of the London Plan in 2007 and is open to all community and third sector groups participating in London Plan revisions. Its concern is to make planning issues more accessible to Londoners.

**5.** Just Space groups include: Age Concern London, Bartlett School of Planning (UCL), Black Neighbourhood Renewal and Regeneration Network, Friends of the Earth, Haringey Federation of Residents Associations, Hayes and Harlington Community Forum, Kings Cross Railway Lands Group, London Civic Forum, London 21, London Tenants Federation, London Forum of Amenity and Civic Societies, Planning Aid for London, Spitalfields Community Association, Third Sector Alliance, London Youth.

**6.** Full responses to the replacement London Plan from Just Space network members are at <http://justspace2010.wordpress.com>  
Information on the daily sessions also appear on this website.