

London Plan: What Next

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London Plan: what next?

Scope and process Policy analysis

- Elements always missing
- Is the 2021 Plan working?
- Equalities doing it properly

Scope & process

- Widen to cover at least housing, transport, environment, economy
- Foster public debate on key issues
 - Mayor won't permit taboo debates
 - Assembly might, with more resources
 - Professions now all lost to orthodoxy?
 - Universities
 - Un-resourced community groups





Analysis: elements always missing

Scenarios: now more than ever, including, for example
Continuing shrinkage of the British economy
Further rounds of pauperisation
Sea level rises by metres
Climate-induced migrations

Modelling key relationships

Housing/migration/economy/rent & land

Equalities work:

better grasp of the impacts of policies on protected groups and on poor people.*

Little known but crucial GLA document from the EiP 2019:

NLP/EX/33c Impact of polices on each 'protected' group

Mayor of London response to Panel Note 7.2:

<u>Appendix 3 Summary</u> (Mayor of London, Apr
2019)



Analysis: reflexive

- Monitoring and review: more not less
- Evaluate key policy changes in 2021 Plan, e.g.
 - Density & high buildings policies
 - Modal shift, prospects for WFH
 - Employment floorspace losses, co-location
 - Did pursuit of housing numbers help affordability?
- Weak on theorization, on agglomeration, on housing, on growth/degrowth

