

Reclaim London Agreed Manifesto / Statement
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London is being stolen from us. Public spaces are privatised, green spaces built on, our heritage trashed. Luxury apartments are stacked high and left vacant while housing is now unaffordable for most Londoners. Council estates are being demolished, displacing people and breaking up communities. Local identity is being lost.

For the fortunate few, London is booming. Warped by financial interests, the planning system guarantees property developers huge profits but fails to deliver the buildings and services we need. Too many elected representatives surrender to developers rather than defend their electorate. Behind closed doors they collude in the sale of our land, the destruction of our communities and the ruin of our cultural heritage.

This can't go on.

People all over London are doing battle with planners, politicians and developers to defend their neighbourhoods. It is time for us to stand together and demand change – to Reclaim London from the private and powerful interests wrecking our city.

London's future depends on the wellbeing of all, not just the few. We want to live in a civilised city where people and communities come first. We demand a fair, open, accountable and genuinely democratic planning process – a process that protects the things we love and puts public need before private greed.

- 1. End financial secrecy in planning**
- 2. A public register of relationships between planners and developers**
- 3. An independent ombudsman for the built environment**
- 4. A community right of appeal**
- 5. A fair deal for leaseholders and homeowners**
- 6. A fair hearing at council meetings**
- 7. Mayor's powers on planning**
- 8. Mandatory ballots for estate redevelopment**
- 9. Standards for consultations**
- 10. Better public information**
- 11. Mandatory space and amenity standards**
- 12. Build social infrastructure first**
- 13. Increasing the supply of social rented housing**
- 14. Demolition should not pay**
- 15. Protect employment land and cultural space**