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Chair  
London Assembly Planning Committee

cc Nicky Gavron  
Deputy Chair

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## **Suggestions for Work Programme of the London Assembly Planning Committee**

Dear Tony

Just Space is very supportive of the research work that has been done by the Planning Committee and keen to participate in further work and to provide evidence and ideas wherever possible. We include a very wide range of community groups within our network, who gathered for a Conference at City Hall on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2016. Please find attached our newspaper, *Towards a Community-led Plan for London*.

Our three suggestions for this years work programme are:-

1. To consider how all Londoners can be involved in an effective and meaningful way in the preparation of the next London Plan. We would like Members to review the Mayor's community engagement strategy and here evidence from Just Space groups about our proposals for a Social Compact with Londoners.
2. To consider what further devolved powers should be sought by the Mayor to address both London's housing emergency (including rent control and options for capturing land and property value) and issues arising from the UK exit from the European Union.
3. To research how employment space for all enterprises, including service sectors and manufacturing, can be protected. This could include case studies on the design and management of schemes that combine denser housing with affordable workspace and the linkage of lifetime neighbourhoods with economic development.

In addition, we hope that the recent reports produced by the Planning Committee on Land Value Tax and Development Viability will remain live documents and that their ideas will be pursued.

The Planning Committee's discussion on Development Viability included an open mic session, which was very popular and enabled a wider variety of voices to present direct evidence to the Assembly Members.

We are enthusiastic to have open mic sessions as a general part of the proceedings of the Planning Committee and would like to work with yourself and the Members so that this can be done in an efficient and inclusive way.

We are very keen to have a meeting with you and Nicky to discuss how these ideas can be taken forward.

Kind Regards

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