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From John Saunders



Equalities UK White British

Green and water spaces, and the visual environment.

Include reference to the positive mental effects of an attractive visual environment. Add the importance of avoiding a negative visual aspects [for example:- graffiti, especially on housing properties, intrusive signs and advertisements, and unnecessary glare from street and industrial lighting ].

Wherever possible the developer and owner should be responsible for the long term maintenance and servicing of green spaces, water designs etc., or if they cannot they should make a fully costed financial capital payment.

Cycling

Increase the number of cycle lanes. Make these more attractive and safer for cyclists, avoid wherever possible conflicts with pedestrians by means of clear signage. Standardise the lane width. Where appropriate, for safety reasons, give priority to cyclists over other vehicles. Ensure that drains and drain covers in cycle lanes are flush with the road surface. Prioritise the removal of pot holes in cycle lanes

Stratford station

Reach agreement with TFL and other operators to maintain signage and services, including toilets, to the same standard as other London main stations.

Community involvement in planning

Make planning committees more resident friendly and accessible with microphones and other inclusive accessories.

Hold community meetings once or twice a year, for residents and other user to scrutinise progress and seek modifications when appropriate.

High Street and Shopping Centre empty buildings [such as Stratford Wilco and Stratford Picture House]

To support future use, monitor and act on deterioration due to neglect and illegal use.