

## **Matter 2**

2.1, 2.2, 2.5, 2.17, 2.18

As set out in my previous representations the plan requires a workable and measurable definition of what it is seeking to achieve. This is particularly the case for SP2, which lacks clarity on what it would mean for regeneration to 'work for all' and, in turn, for how this can be tracked.

I argued that definition, and evidence base, concerning the characteristics of a thriving, healthy or resilient neighbourhood was required. And, secondly, that this should be supported by an appropriate focus on the role and importance of social and community infrastructure.

The importance of such social infrastructure is highlighted in Chapter 5 of the New London plan (see Policy S1 "Developing London's social infrastructure"). This itself is a critical component of governing Good Growth Policy policy GG1 "Building strong and inclusive communities" and of the Mayor's underlying Social Integration Strategy.

Forthcoming work on the role and value of social infrastructure, in partnership with Social Life and Hawkins Brown, to be published on 24th February under the Mayor's "Good Growth by Design" initiative, will add to this evidence base -- highlighting the role of diverse social infrastructure in three contrasting areas (Catford, Homerton and Surbiton), as well as highlighting examples of "new" social infrastructure within Southwark itself, including the Walworth Living Room.

Without a clear definition of how regeneration can 'work for all', or a methodology for tracking this then the plan is not yet positively prepared, justified or sufficiently clear.

Wording changes that place specific emphasis on increasingly number and frequency of interactions within a neighbourhood, the levels of social cohesion/integration, the utilisation and accessibility of public spaces -- each with appropriate measures and a methodology for tracking longitudinal changes would provide the necessary clarification of the overarching 'vision' as well as a framework to assess whether it is, in fact, being delivered.