



LONDON FOR ALL

A ROADMAP TO END POVERTY



Homelessness Prevention & Housing

4.9 Support mixed income and intensification housing development policies to avoid creating large areas with low-income housing

The London Plan

The London Plan is a 20-year plan that sets out the vision, principles, priorities, strategies, policies and directions to the year 2035. It should be recognized that the Plan is not intended to necessarily reflect the use, intensity or form of development that currently exists today, but rather is intended to plan for what is envisioned over the next 20 years.

The need to update the Plan will be reviewed within the first ten years and every five years thereafter to ensure that it is in keeping with changes in the social, economic and environmental context of the city. The Plan was last consolidated November 13, 2019.

Homelessness Prevention and Housing: for the purposes of The London Plan, providing accessible and affordable housing options for all Londoners is an important element of building a prosperous city. Housing is a basic need for all Londoners. For London to be truly prosperous, it needs to consider the housing needs of all of its residents. It sets the context for a city that provides all Londoners with access to quality housing that meets their needs.

The London Plan focuses on four strategic areas to help meet the goals for housing in London:

1. Community Housing Strategy
2. Creating Housing Opportunities
3. Affordable Housing
4. Homelessness Prevention

Affordable Housing Community Improvement Plan (CIP)

Development of the Affordable Housing Community Improvement Plan (CIP) was directed by Council in June 2019, in coordination with other related affordable housing initiatives, including a broader “Affordable Housing Development Toolkit” and the update to the Housing Stability Plan. The City continues to seek input on the tools of the draft Toolkit and the draft Affordable Housing Community Improvement Plan.

Housing Stability For All

The Housing Stability Action Plan for the City of London (2019–2024)

The Housing Stability Action Plan (Plan) defines the current environment and future needs of London and area. The Plan sets the new direction for the collective work of the community to address housing stability.

We need far more affordable housing stock in our community. The shortage of safe, affordable housing options is impacting the stability and health of people across our community.

Strategic Area of Focus 2: Create More Housing Stock

Strategic Initiative 2.1: Retain existing and create new affordable housing stock.

- 2.1.a. Work with the private market to retain existing affordability in rental market units.
- 2.1.b. Develop publicly owned and available lands for affordable housing.
- 2.1.c. Implement tools, policies, and programs (the municipal housing toolbox) to create new affordable housing through a Community Improvement Plan (CIP), zoning bylaw update, inclusionary zoning (IZ), bonusing, secondary units, etc.
- 2.1.d. Invest in affordable housing through development charges (growth paying for growth) through the creation of a community benefits charge and municipal assessment growth policy.
- 2.1.e. Explore opportunities to stimulate new affordable housing through government legislation.

Strategic Plan for the City of London (2019-2023)

The Strategic Plan for the City of London sets the direction for the future. It identifies City Council’s vision, mission, values and strategic areas of focus. It also identifies the specific outcomes, expected results, and strategies that Council and Civic Administration will deliver on together.

Housing Development Corporation, London (HDC)

The HDC centralizes the knowledge, skills, expertise, and tools required to support sustainable housing development, inclusive of affordable housing, throughout London and Middlesex. HDC engages in a full range of services including development, new financial instruments, land acquisition and sale, affordable housing consultation and promotion with all partners and sectors.

The mandate of HDC is to stimulate the development and sustainability of affordable housing throughout London and Middlesex by:

- supporting the local need for revitalized and strengthened neighbourhoods, and diverse and inclusive communities; and
- collaborating with all sectors to create and sustain affordable housing and stimulate economic growth.