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RE: Support of Green Development Standards

Dear Mayor and Councilors,

We were pleased to see that there was unanimous consent in the January 9th Planning and Environment Committee meeting to the Green Development Standards put forward by Councilor Franke and Deputy Mayor Lewis. Moving forward immediately with items such as EV spaces, native species, short term bicycle space and bird friendly design makes sense so that requirements are not ad hoc.

One of the key elements of a more comprehensive green development standards is energy efficient buildings. We urge that you move forward quickly on many measures within a **more comprehensive green development standard**.

In 2021 home ownership in London was 62.6%. The percentage of Londoners renting will trend higher guided by the vision of growing inward and upward within the London Plan. This will reduce the costs of growth, create walkable communities, revitalise our urban neighbourhoods and business areas, protect our farmlands, and reduce energy consumption. The City is already moving in this direction with funding from the Housing Accelerator Fund.

Londoners that rent or many of those who are seeking very affordable homes are NOT market influencers. Green development standards will benefit those Londoners that rent or have very little capital influence. Let's make all types of housing affordable to operate and bring everyone along. London is rapidly growing and we need to prioritise these standards now.

On Behalf of Climate Action London

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