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City of London

ReThink London Team

To the ReThink London Team,

This letter is in response to the "What We've Heard" paper summarizing public feedback on the eight discussion papers. We would like to highlight that a number of the points marked by the public as very important are in-line with the discussions of our Committee.

1. Quality infill and intensification: Our committee notes that the right policy tools need to be in place to support innovation in building on lands that pose potential challenges. This is inclusive of new, repurposed and renovated developments.
2. Not always car-first: Our committee notes that, related to the above point, current policies related to parking can become barriers to building new, affordable housing.
3. Building a city for everyone: Our committee notes that "for everyone" means that some housing stock must continue to be developed that is affordable for those in the lowest income quintile and other needs as reflected within the London Community Housing Strategy.
4. Mix of housing types within neighbourhoods: In addressing affordable housing, our Committee sees value in integrating affordable housing within market housing, and the right policy tools must be in place to support this.
5. Promote low cost and affordable housing in new and innovative ways: Our committee spends significant time on recommendations in regards to new and innovative affordable housing, and believe that this needs to be a strongly supported component within the new Official Plan.

Thank you for your ongoing hard work and consideration of feedback, and we hope that these five items will be strongly evident within the final report.

Sincerely,

London Housing Advisory Committee