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- 0.0 This section explains what the London Plan is, how to use the document and what process the draft Plan went through up to formal publication.

What is the London Plan?

- 0.0.2 Under the legislation establishing the Greater London Authority (GLA), the Mayor is required to publish a Spatial Development Strategy (SDS) and keep it under review. The SDS is known as the London Plan. As the overall strategic plan for London, it sets out an integrated economic, environmental, transport and social framework for the development of London over the next 20-25 years.
- 0.0. The general objectives for the London Plan, and the process for drawing it up, altering it and replacing it, are set out in the Greater London Authority Act 1999 (as amended) and the Town and Country Planning (London Spatial Development Strategy) Regulations 2000. The London Plan has been developed in line with these requirements.
- 0.0.4 The legislation stipulates that the London Plan should only deal with things of strategic importance to Greater London¹ taking account of the principal purposes of the Greater London Authority which are:²
- promoting economic development and wealth creation in Greater London
 - promoting social development in Greater London and
 - promoting the improvement of the environment in Greater London.
- 0.0.5 In developing the SDS, in accordance with the legislation³ and associated regulations, the Mayor has had regard to:
- the principle that there should be equality of opportunity for all people
 - reducing health inequality and promoting Londoners' health
 - achieving sustainable development in the United Kingdom
 - climate change and the consequences of climate change
 - the desirability of promoting and encouraging the use of the Thames, particularly for passenger and freight transportation
 - the resources available to implement the Mayor's strategies.

¹ GLA Act 1999, section 334(5)

² GLA Act 1999, section 30

³ GLA Act 1999, Section 41