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Adapted text of Dr Paul Toyne's opening remarks of the day session on: ***"Future London Plans and sustainability". Day two, 27th October, Olympia London***

If I may I would like to say a view words about London and sustainable development before then describing the running order today. By way of background I am a sustainable development expert, a Commissioner on the Mayor's London Sustainable Development Commission and have spent my recent career advising at Board level on sustainability strategies for global infrastructure companies, developers, contractors and design engineers. At present, I focus my efforts on helping business and organisations working in the built environment who are seeking to put sustainability at the heart of their commercial purpose.

So when we talk about a more sustainable London for me it is just a better London. What does that mean? At the highest level London needs to be attractive and competitive able to offer a quality of life that can meet everyone's aspirations. It needs to be attractive to both attract and retain the talent required. It needs to offer a standard of living for all its citizens and visitors. That standard of living includes affordable and comfortable housing, access to employment, healthcare and education opportunities, supported by affordable and sustainable transport, utility and food services. Citizens of London will need to feel safe and that London looks after their health and well-being. So not just crime, but clean air, green infrastructure and facilities for sports, recreation and entertainment. A future London needs to be resilient against future shocks whether that be terrorism or the impacts of climate change. It also needs to retain a sense of its history and identity but also needs to be agile and modern recognise its diversity and cultural richness shapes this identity. Those are just a few of the features of what I believe a future London will need to have.

London is a dynamic living entity which is already changing for the better in many of the ways I have described before: but there are challenges. The challenge of social exclusion, of inequality that drives divisions in our community. The challenge of affordable housing, of employment opportunities for all, and building the skills and capacity for London needs to drive progress and make improvements.

Today, we will be discussing some of these aspects - looking at design in particular for enabling and shaping up built environment be it in tall buildings, in fostering creativity, in designing for efficiency and sustainability. We will also explore the role of technology in helping to shape our buildings and

seeing how planned infrastructure improvements can deliver the bigger sustainability goals we as a nation have.

If you are passionate about London like I am then make your views count by participating in the latest consultation by the Mayor of London, "*A city for all Londoners*".

https://www.london.gov.uk/get-involved/have-your-say/all-consultations/city-all-londoners

This document, outlines the capital's top challenges and opportunities across priority policy areas, as well as the changes that the Mayor wants to deliver over the next four years. The Greater London Authority wants people to tell them what they think about this document. So, over the next few weeks, they are inviting stakeholders, community and voluntary organisations, and Londoners to take part in workshops and discussions to shape City Hall policy. There are three stages of consultation, outlined in the above link. You can also tell them what you think throughout this process (from now until 11 December) by emailing - *yourviews@london.gov.uk*.

Go on, get involved and help shape London's future.