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(1) The headings of the sections within 4.37 should be numbered as in Figure 5, because it is impossible to quickly refer to a subsection otherwise.

So, for instance, "GROWING A GOOD ECONOMY" would change to "4: GROWING A GOOD ECONOMY".

Its third sub-section would then be referred to as "4.37 4c".

Clumsy, yes, but useable.

(2) Using the invented numbering system above, 4.37 1a says "*Reduce spatial inequalities*" but you should take note of the Consolidated Changes in the Draft New London Plan.

In SD10 2.10.2 and 2.10.3 the word "*spatial*" has been removed, as a result of discussion at the London Plan Examination in Public.

It was argued by groups attending the EiP that spatial inequalities can easily be changed by moving wealthy people into poorer areas – but that doesn't address inequalities and causes of deprivation.

You should therefore take the word out.

In order for the vision to be sound, a suggested overall change is to say:

"4.37 1a) Reduce inequality, disadvantage and causes of deprivation in Brent, particularly around Wembley, Stonebridge, Harlesden, Neasden and South Kilburn."

The "*council housing estates*" wording should be removed because it encourages replacement of London's most deprived communities by those who are wealthier. Easily available analysis of "mixed and balanced communities" by Government and LSE (Paul Cheshire) shows no economic benefit to poorer residents and can easily increase day-to-day costs if well-established local shops close down, to service instead the needs of wealthier incomers.

When choosing your improved wording for 4.37 1a, you should keep in mind the consolidated changes to 2.10.2 of the Draft New London Plan which state:

"In order for regeneration initiatives to contribute to Good Growth it is important that they tackle poverty, disadvantage, inequality and the causes of deprivation, address social, economic and environmental barriers and benefit existing residents and businesses in an area."

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