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## **PROGRESS FALTERS IN RAISING RESIDENTIAL DENSITY IN LONDON**

Government data published today[1] shows that the average density of new housing in London fell slightly from 75 dwellings per hectare (dph) in 2003 to 73 dph in 2004. This is despite the Mayor of London's planning policies, published in 2004, which aim to increase densities[2].

CPRE London[3] is concerned that the Mayor's policies to increase densities are not being effective and, as a result, land for housing in London is being wasted.

Nigel Kersey, Director of CPRE's London Region said:

'This is further evidence of the Mayor's inability to enforce his own policies for London. Wasted land means less housing for Londoners and continued pressure for development in the Green Belt and beyond.'

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## NOTES FOR EDITORS

- [1] *Land Use Change Statistics 20* (LUCS 20), published May 2005 by ODPM can be found at:

[http://www.odpm.gov.uk/stellent/groups/odpm\\_planning/documents/page/odpm\\_plan\\_037995.pdf](http://www.odpm.gov.uk/stellent/groups/odpm_planning/documents/page/odpm_plan_037995.pdf)

See Table 6: *Density of new dwellings built: Government Office Regions 1994-2004*

- [2] *The London Plan - Spatial Development strategy for Greater London*. Mayor of London, February 2004. E.g Paragraph 4.37.

- [3] CPRE London is the London Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England. CPRE exists to promote the beauty, tranquillity and diversity of rural England by encouraging the sustainable use of land and other natural resources in town and country. We promote positive solutions for the long-term future of the countryside to ensure change values its natural and built environment. Our Patron is Her Majesty The Queen. We have 59,000 supporters, a branch in every county, nine regional groups, over 200 local groups and a national office in London. CPRE is a powerful combination of effective local action and strong national campaigning. Our President is Sir Max Hastings.