

# London's Tall Storeys

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1. **Tall building design needs to be appropriate at a city to a street scale.** This requires careful design and review processes including visiting the site and 3D model testing.
2. **Design quality needs to be safeguarded;** from initial drawings to building completion. We must be rigorous in reviewing planning proposals to ensure tall buildings have a positive impact on the neighbourhood – small errors on paper can have significant impacts in reality.
3. **Wind impact testing needs to be done much earlier in the design process.** Early testing can ensure adverse wind effects are mitigated through positive building modifications. Other options to help guarantee the safety and comfort of pedestrians on the ground include canopies, porous screens, trees and public art.
4. **We must think about the public space around tall buildings.** LB Southwark requires tall building schemes to deliver high-quality public spaces to accommodate not only the needs of a building's residents but also the general public.
5. **Day-to-day servicing of tall buildings is important.** Consider the practical challenges presented by tall buildings, from waste collection to window cleaning, package delivery and parking needs. Make sure realistic plans for servicing are in place to ensure tall buildings function well without unnecessary disruptions.