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By email: future.merton@merton.gov.uk

Dear Future Merton Team,

Re: London Borough of Merton Draft Statement of Consultation (SCI) dated October 2019

Thank you for consulting Historic England on the above Draft Statement of Consultation (SCI). As the Government's adviser on the historic environment Historic England is keen to ensure that the protection of the historic environment is fully taken into account at all stages and levels of the planning process.

We support the general aims and approach to the draft Statement of Consultation. We welcome the acknowledgement of Historic England as a statutory consultee under duty to co-operate, and as a specific consultation body in relation to local plans and policy. However, we recommended that the SCI makes clear that Historic England is also a statutory consultee in the planning application process as well.

We hope that the above comments are of assistance. If you would like any clarification or would like to discuss the above please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards

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