



Supplementary Planning Document
London Borough of Merton



South Park Gardens Statement of Community Involvement



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South Park Gardens Conservation Area Character Assessment

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Appendix to the Assessment

Summary of Consultations Undertaken

A public consultation exercise was undertaken on the draft brief during September and October 2005. This consisted of the following:

- A copy of the Draft Conservation Area Character Assessment, Sustainability Appraisal Report and Conservation Area boundary assessment report were made available for inspection at the Council offices between 7 September and 19 October (6 weeks)
- A copy of the Draft Character Assessment, Sustainability Appraisal Report and boundary assessment report were made available for inspection at Wimbledon Library (the nearest library to the site) between 7 September and 19 October (6 weeks).
- A downloadable PDF version of the Draft Character Assessment, Sustainability Appraisal Report and boundary assessment report were placed on the Council's website on 7 September with a deadline for comments of 19 October (6 weeks).
- A notice was placed in the Wimbledon Guardian of 1 September advertising the availability of the Draft Character Assessment documents, for public comment (at the Council offices, Wimbledon Library and the Council's website) with a deadline of 19 October (6 weeks). A copy of the notice can be found at Annex 1.
- Letters were sent out between 1 and 7 September to properties within the Conservation Area (map at Annex 2 shows which properties were consulted). This letter specified a deadline for comments of 19 October (6 weeks). These letters advised where copies of the Draft Character Assessment documents could be viewed, and where copies could be obtained.
- Letters and copies of the Draft Character Assessment, Sustainability Appraisal Report and boundary assessment report were sent out on 1 September to residents associations and amenity societies deemed likely to have an interest in the Conservation Area (see Annex 3) with a deadline of 19 October (6 weeks).
- Letters and copies of the Draft Character Assessment, Sustainability Appraisal Report and boundary assessment report were sent out on 1 September to relevant Ward Councillors deemed likely to have an interest in the Conservation Area (see Annex 4) with a deadline of 19 October (6 weeks).

Summary Table of Responses and Proposed Amendments

The table below summarises the content of the responses from consultees, the Council's comments on these and proposed amendments as a result.

Summary Table of Responses and Proposed Amendments

No.	Respondent & Comments	Council Comments	Proposed Amendments
1	<p>Paul Vaughn <u>Comment</u> Statement that 60 King's Road was converted into flats is misleading. Mr Vaughn converted it back into a single dwelling in c.1985.</p>	Comment noted, text amended.	"and back into a single dwelling in about 1985" added, page 16
2	<p>Neil Citron <u>Comment</u> Bandstand was not replaced because it was burnt down by tramps who had used it as a shelter.</p>	Comment noted, text amended.	"demolished" changed to "burnt down", page 6
3	<p>Neil Citron <u>Comment</u> The local community, via 'Friends of South Park Gardens', are engaged in remodelling the Park, including restoring the fence. A plan has been commissioned to bid for lottery funding and active council support would be very welcome.</p>	Comment noted, text amended. Proposal discussed at Strategy Board, preference for wrought iron expressed by Plans and Projects. Possible bid for S.106 funding.	"and the Friends of South Park Gardens are engaged in remodelling it, including restoring the cast iron fence." added, page 6.
4	<p>Neil Citron <u>Comment</u> A climb-proof rebuild of the fence would help to reduce the many problems of rowdiness in the Park, especially from trespassers at night. An ASBO order has been made prohibiting crowds of youths gathering.</p>	Comment noted.	No change.
5	<p>Neil Clinton <u>Comment</u> No comment has been made regarding the excessive number of parking notices have recently been installed on posts at every parking space instead of on the wall of the relevant property.</p>	Comment noted. Number of notices to be investigated and further action considered.	No change.

6	<p>David Drummond <u>Comment</u> 'Princess Street' should read 'Princess Road' on caption to photo, page 19.</p>	Valid Comment.	'Street' changed to 'Road', page 19.
7	<p>David Drummond <u>Comment</u> Only half the front garden to No. 54 Princess Road is paved for car parking.</p>	Valid Comment	'Nos. 52 and 54 are entirely devoted to car parking' changed to 'No. 52 is entirely devoted to car parking and No.54 partly so'.
8	<p>David Drummond <u>Comment</u> The descriptions of Nos. 56 and 58 have been put round the wrong way.</p>		Nos. 56 and 58 reversed throughout.

**APPENDIX 1: NOTICE PLACED IN THE WIMBLEDON GUARDIAN
1 SEPTEMBER 2005**

**ITEM FOR CONSERVATION AREA CHARACTER
ASSESSMENTS – SEPTEMBER 2005.**

**Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.
Consultation on Draft Character Assessments for Three Designated
Conservation Areas.**

The Design and Conservation Team of Merton Council is seeking your views on draft Conservation Area Character Assessments, which have been prepared for three of the Borough's Conservation Areas.

The three areas are:

Kenilworth Avenue Conservation Area
South Park Gardens Conservation Area
Leopold Road Conservation Area

The purpose of Conservation Area Assessments is to justify the Conservation Area designation and to define the features of interest that gives each area its special character. The Assessments are also used to define any features which detract from the character of the area.

The Assessments also make a number of proposals which are aimed at either protecting the special character of the area, where it is seen to be under some threat, or enhancing the character of the area where there are opportunities to do so.

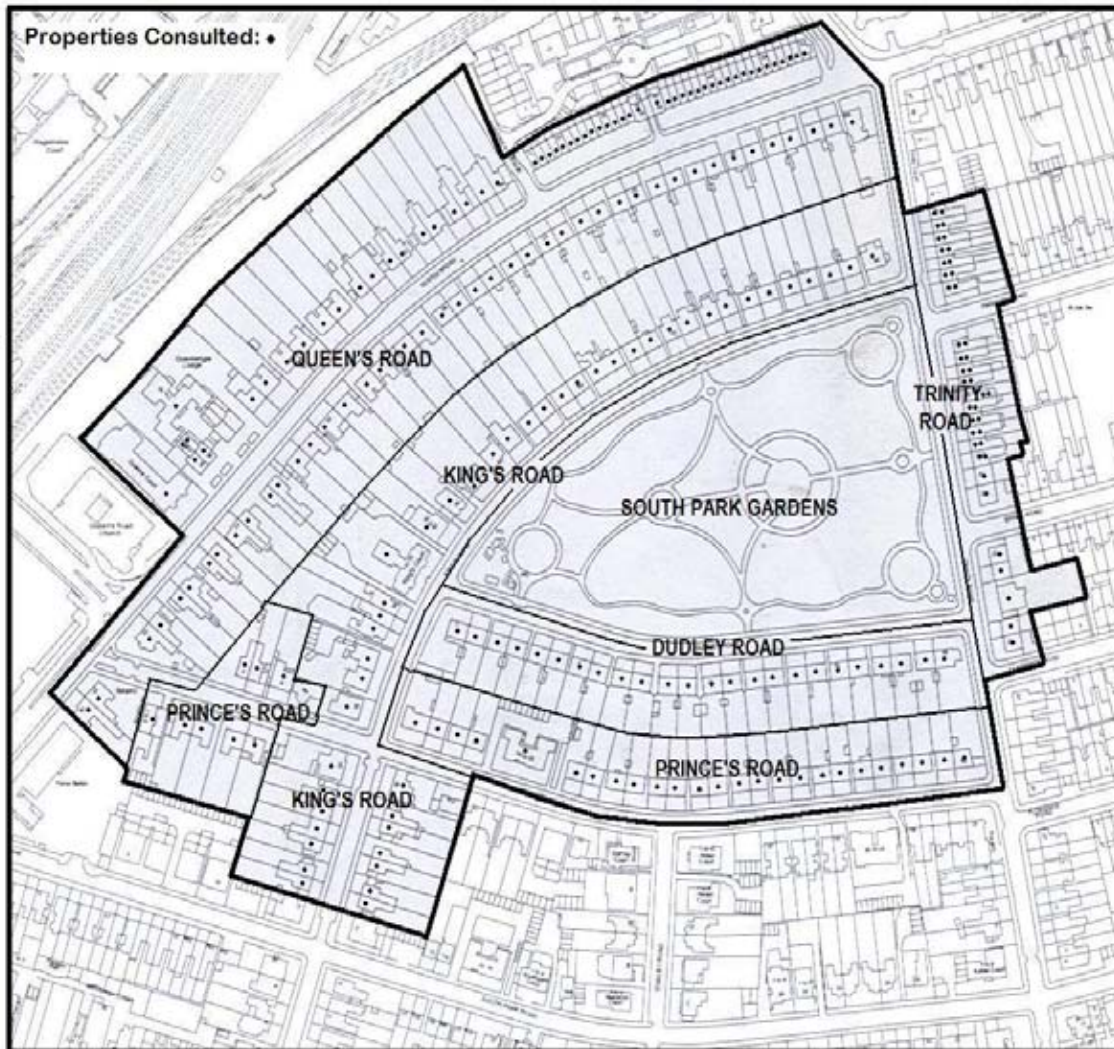
Copies of the draft Assessment documents are available at Wimbledon Library, and at Merton Link in Merton Civic Centre. The documents can also be viewed on the Council's website (www.merton.gov.uk) from 7th September, 2005.

Please send your comments by letter or by e mail to:

Phil Ryder, Design and Conservation Team, Environment and Regeneration
Dept. Merton Civic Centre, London Rd, Morden SM4 5DX,
or to: phil.ryder@merton.gov.uk ,

The closing date for comments is 20th October, 2005.

APPENDIX 2: MAP SHOWING THOSE PROPERTIES CONSULTED



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APPENDIX 3: THOSE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATIONS AND AMENITY SOCIETIES DEEMED LIKELY TO HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE CONSERVATION AREA

APPENDIX 4: WARD COUNCILLORS DEEMED LIKELY TO HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE CONSERVATION AREA

- 1: Andy Coles, Labour Group, Trinity Ward.
- 2: Dot Kilsby, Conservative Group, Trinity Ward.
- 3: Christopher, McLaughlin, Conservative Group, Trinity Ward.