Ravensbury Estate - online response

Q1 Should all homes be redeveloped?

Option 4: Other, please state

Leave the estate as it is - carrying out repairs/refurbishments only where necessary.

Q2 What size of homes should be provided within the Ravensbury Estate?

Option 1: you agree with a mix of different sizes of homes as set out above

Q3 What type of homes should be provided across the estate?

Option 2: A wide range of homes including a mix of houses, flats and maisonettes

Q4 How should building heights be distributed through the Ravensbury estate?

Buildings should be of broadly similar height across the estate

Q5 Are there any other issues or options we should consider regarding new homes?

Regarding Question 1, Option 3 states that leaseholders should bear the cost of reburbishments. I'm a leaseholder & struggling to make ends meet. I cannot afford to reburbish my own flat, let alone anyone else's. More information on this option (which I suspect will be the most popular one) would be useful. Re. Question 4, option 1, what height would "evenly across the estate" entail? The estate is currently very attractive because it's low rise. I'm sure most residents would like it to stay that way - but these questions don't allow us to state a preference for low or high rise. I have heard rumours that a through-road could be potentially be developed. I think most residents prefer the current cul-de-sac, as this is safer and quieter. We currently have free street parking. This is a real asset of the estate. It would be good to have reassurance that this won't change.

Q6 What type of outdoor space would you prefer to see within the estate?

Provide a single public open space for everyone to enjoy - This would be open to the general public. Communal gardens for groups of flats would remain, but may have to be significantly smaller to accommodate land for public open space.

Q7 What type of play areas and open spaces would you prefer to see?

Communal gardens such as areas with planting and seating suitable for picnicking and where ball games might be prohibited AND

Children's play equipment

Q8 What do you think is important in deciding the layout of buildings, spaces and streets on the estate?

Making easy connections within the estate and to the surrounding area AND

Other: Retain the current cul-de-sac road layout.

Q9 Are there any other issues or options we should consider regarding the estate's open spaces and streets?

Not answered

Q10 How should greater use of public transport be encouraged?

Provide better walking routes to Morden Station, bus and tram stops, shopping areas, parks and community facilities, such as well lit, safe, convenient and well maintained footways AND

Provide incentives to help residents use public transport more, such as taster pre-pay oyster card and special rail deals

Q11 Walking and cycling are healthy lifestyle choices. How can we support this?

Provide well-connected, attractive and safe cycle routes and footpaths AND

Provide safe and convenient crossings of busy roads and junctions AND

Provide secure and convenient cycle storage AND

Provide cycling training and support, to help people to switch to cycling

Q12 How should parking be managed?
No parking restrictions

Q13 Are there any other issues or options we should consider regarding transport?

I know that Merton council provide cycling proficiency training, but have never received any information about this directly (I heard through a friend who doesn't even live in the area!). This is a great service which could be publicised better.

Q14 Should new community facilities be provided within Ravensbury Estate?

No

Q15 How could refurbishment or regeneration support existing and new employment?

Other: I am strongly against "regeneration" (ie demolition) so unfortunately do not see opportunities for new employment.

Q16 Are there any other issues or options we should consider regarding social and economic opportunities?

Services for youth, the elderly and/or parents would be great - maybe using the community centre - though I don't know who would fund this...

Additional comments:

None