

# Save up to 25% per year on your business energy bill

Merton Council and the Mayor of London have launched the Brighter Business scheme, which will give you expert energy efficiency advice and support to help reduce your energy bills and help pay for energy improvements.

The scheme provides all eligible businesses

- a free energy survey showing what savings you could make
- Grant funding – paying for up to 50% of the costs of energy improvements (subject to availability)
- Access to a list of local installers, or the option to use your own



To find out if you are eligible, or to arrange your free survey, please visit

[www.merton.gov.uk/brighterbusiness](http://www.merton.gov.uk/brighterbusiness)

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An evening view of the proposed improvements to Morden Court Parade.

## Making more of Morden

It's a really exciting time coming up for Morden town centre. In our 'Delivering the vision' consultation, more than 1,000 people have told us their views on Morden town centre and its surrounds and we have heard that the bids for investment to make the improvements you want have all been successful.

We have received £200,000 over the next three years from TfL to gather data and progress preliminary designs for Morden's roads and public spaces. If successful this will lead to a further bid to TfL for up to £8million investment in Morden's road network.

All Morden based businesses can access grant funding to reduce their energy bills through our Brighter Business programme.

We are working hard with the landowners and businesses to restore the Art Deco details of Morden Court Parade.

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Morden is also now one of the Mayor of London's Housing Zones, where £42m has been allocated for developers to access, subject to legal and financial due diligence. The funding from the Mayor will help kickstart development sites in the town centre.

All of this work will be brought together in a masterplan which will illustrate what the new Morden town centre will look like. We'll develop this over the next two years and we value your feedback at every stage as the detail takes shape.



**Councillor Martin Whelton**  
Cabinet Member for Regeneration,  
Environment and Housing



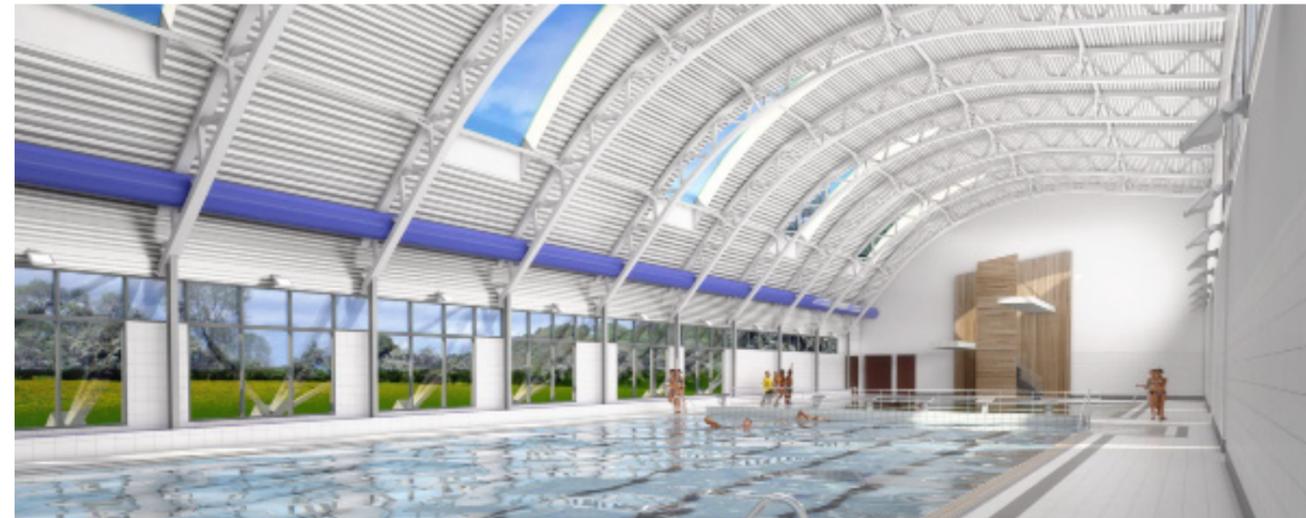
## Morden Leisure Centre

Merton Council's planning committee granted planning permission for a new family leisure centre in Morden Park.

Construction is due to start in autumn 2016. The council has planned the construction so that the current ageing Morden Park Pool will only be demolished once the new leisure centre is up and running. Leisure customers will always have access to sports facilities throughout the works. Once the new centre is ready in early 2018, the site of Morden Park Pool will be returned to open green space.

The council has already budgeted for the new, modern leisure centre, which will be better value to Merton's council tax payers as it will cost less to maintain in the long-run than the continuing repairs necessary to keep the current building going.

[www.merton.gov.uk/leisureformorden](http://www.merton.gov.uk/leisureformorden)



Interior view of the new Morden Leisure Centre

## Masterplanning Morden

To ensure your views influence what Morden will look and feel like in the future and to bring all these improvements to the streets, roads and public spaces together, we will be preparing a masterplan for Morden town centre.

We are currently looking for a development partner with an exceptional track record for delivering high quality developments on large complex sites. The procurement process should be completed by the summer of 2017.

Once a development partner is appointed, work will start on the detailed designs for the masterplan, which will be subject to public consultation at all stages.

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## Morden Housing Zone success

The Mayor of London announced that Merton's bid for Housing Zone status and funding had been successful.

The Housing Zone status shows that Merton Council is serious about improving Morden, providing much needed new homes and better, more attractive streets while revitalising businesses with new business space and customers.

£42m has been allocated for developers, subject to legal and financial due diligence. The funding from the Mayor will help unlock development sites in the town centre.

[www.london.gov.uk/housing-zones](http://www.london.gov.uk/housing-zones)

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## Morden Court Parade retail gateway

Supported by the Mayor of London and in partnership with Merton Council, the 'Morden Retail Gateway' initiative aims to improve the quality and perception of Morden town centre by delivering high quality improvements to the main retail parade. This will be achieved through careful building restoration, progressive design, the introduction of public art complimented by improvements to both shop-front-signage and window displays.

Following extensive stakeholder consultation, our designs have now received planning approval.

Following a competitive tender, we have commissioned a main works contractor, to undertake the construction works. As part of our agreed terms, the contractor will be working with South Thames College to take on a number of apprentices to provide essential employment, training and skills experience. Works are due to commence in autumn 2016 through to early 2017. Look out for our new pop-up venture coming soon!

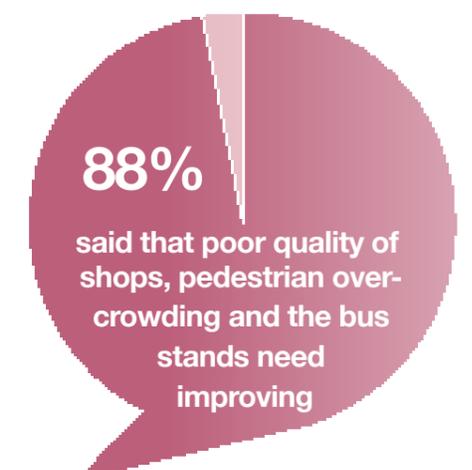
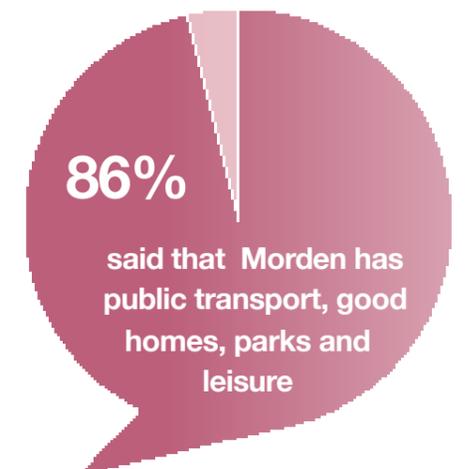
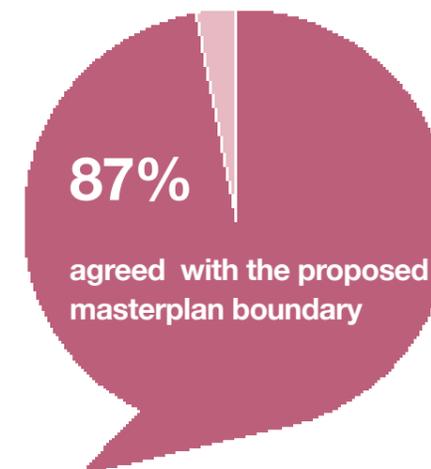
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## Thank you for your views

More than 1,000 people responded to our consultation on Morden town centre, telling us what they liked (the easy transport links and nearby local parks) and what they didn't like (the busy road and parked buses)

We know it takes time to respond to surveys, so we really appreciate your input. Your views will now be used to help guide the plans that will be started for Morden town centre, including assessment of the road network and public realm, which are now underway. What you told us has been summarised and is available online.

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## TfL major scheme improving streets and public spaces

Thanks to our successful bid to Transport for London, from April 2016 we have been working with TfL, to develop early designs to overhaul Morden's public realm by reducing the dominance of traffic, removing the gyratory, creating new public spaces and achieving a step-change in the quality of Morden's High Street.

Over £200,000 is available to explore these issues which could unlock over £8million of investment in 2019 to carry out the works. This will help us in delivering our masterplan and the new Morden.

Your views at last autumn's consultation will be the start of shaping what could happen and we will be asking you to comment further on more details in 2017.