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Morden station
90 years

The next 90 years?

Morden latest

Major first steps towards Morden regeneration

Prior to going to the market to procure a suitable development partner to deliver the development within the Morden Housing Zone, Merton Council and Transport for London (TfL) have jointly appointed cost consultants and architects to carry out concept design work and a viability assessment.

Viability assessments are essentially financial assessments that look at the difference between the likely development costs and the potential values of the completed development.

Key milestones towards Morden's regeneration



<p>Spring/summer 2017</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soft market testing • Selection and appointment of development partner 	<p>Autumn/winter 2017/18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appoint master planners • 1st public consultation 	<p>Summer 2018</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2nd public consultation 	<p>Spring/summer 2018/19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examination in public • Adoption of Local Plan
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Housing Zone agreement signed

In the September 2016 edition of the newsletter, we reported on The Mayor of London's designation of Morden town centre as one of the 31 Housing Zones in London and of the associated £42m of loan funding that has been allocated for developers, subject to legal and financial due diligence. We can now report that the legal agreement between the Greater London Authority (GLA) and Merton Council, which will guide the delivery of the housing zone, has now been signed.

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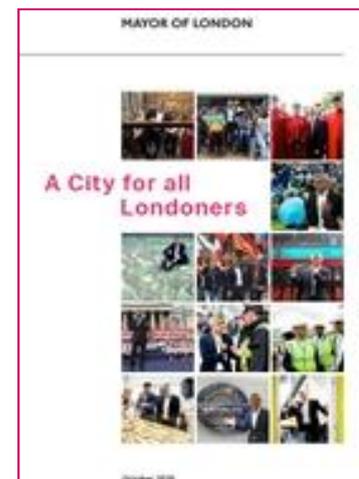
A Plan for London

In October 2016 the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, published a new vision for London: A City for All Londoners. This document outlines the capital's top challenges and opportunities across priority policy areas, as well as the changes that City Hall wants to deliver over the next four years.

It is good to note that the Morden Housing Zone and the potential expansion of the Tramlink network from Wimbledon to Sutton, via Morden, is indicated on the plan within the document.

For more information on the Mayor's Plan for London:

www.london.gov.uk/getinvolved/cityforalllondoners



Merton Brighter Business ending soon

Merton Council's Brighter Business scheme offers local businesses free expert energy efficiency advice and support to help reduce their running costs, but the offer is ending soon.

Participating businesses can receive a free energy efficiency survey of their premises and apply for grant funding to help with up to 75% of the costs of installing any identified improvements.

Over 50 businesses have benefited from a Brighter Business survey so far – identifying average savings of £1,400 each year per business. In addition, over £30,000 of grant funding has been allocated to participating businesses to help with the cost of installing energy efficiency improvements.

To register your business for a free survey, or to submit a grant request to help install energy efficiency improvements, please email future.merton@merton.gov.uk by 10th February 2017.

For more information visit: www.merton.gov.uk/brighterbusiness

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Morden's first art pop-up



Crown House Creative, Morden's first open access performance and exhibition space has just opened in the former HSBC branch on London Road.

The project forms one element of the 'Morden Retail Gateway' initiative, a partnership between the Mayor of London and Merton Council which will support the long-term plans to regenerate Morden town centre. This objective will be delivered through an ambitious shopfront and building facade improvement scheme for the iconic Morden Court Parade and adjacent London Road terrace, complimented by the installation of a major public art intervention, as part of our building works.

The Architecture Foundation, alongside Jan Kattein Architects, have designed the space, creating an open plan multi-use creative space and cafe with adjacent vault and back offices for installation projects. Variant seating design is consistent alongside simple contemporary furniture, with suspended lights, cable drum tables and mobile bookshelves, creating an informal interior in the 1960s concrete frame building.

A programme of events and exhibitions will animate the space through to Spring 2017, featuring screenings, paintings, installations, visual art, DJ sessions and mixed media pieces.

For more information on screenings and shows:

www.crownhousecreative.co.uk or info@crownhousecreative.co.uk



Morden Court Parade retail gateway

Work has commenced to upgrade the retail parades in London Road and the Morden Court Parade. Over 30 businesses will benefit from this initiative, made possible through a partnership between the GLA and Merton Council.

We have commissioned architects to produce the design template and the programme will feature the re-introduction of a distinctive retail aesthetic to Morden town centre, through considered design, careful repair and the restoration of the art-deco Morden Court Parade. Works are scheduled for completion in early 2017. The aim of the Morden Retail Gateway initiative is to support local businesses, strengthen the identity of the town centre and to lift the perception of the local high street in the eyes of the public.

New signage in London Road



Before



After

Receiving our e-newsletter

Further editions of this quarterly newsletter will only be released in a digital format on Merton Council's website: www.merton.gov.uk/moremorden and by email subscription. To receive an email notification of future editions of this newsletter please email: More.Morden@merton.gov.uk

Morden Community Forum

Community Forums are for local people to get involved. Anyone with an interest in the local area is invited to attend these free meetings. Issues raised at Community Forum meetings are taken up by the responsible organisation to follow up and report back on how problems are resolved.

Officers often attend and present updates on the progress of the regeneration of Morden town centre at the Morden Community Forum.

The next meeting: Wednesday 29 March 2017 at 7.15pm in the Council Chamber, Merton Civic Centre. To find out about the next Morden community forum: www.merton.gov.uk/mordencommunityforum

Get involved

The following consultations run until 19th January 2017:

- ◆ [Neighbourhood fund/CIL](#)
- ◆ [Shop fronts guidance](#)
- ◆ [Basement planning guidance](#)

The consultation on the [Estates Local Plan](#) runs until 3rd February 2017