

Q14 What are your thoughts on Economy policies?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Please see our earlier comments, submitted 6 January 2019	1/27/2019 6:35 PM
2	We need more small scale entrepreneurship. Where are the markets? The markets have completely died out as people only commute around Mitcham and Morden, there is a loss sense of Urbanity in the borough and that is the biggest impediment to economic growth. We need to build at bigger scales and attract more people to the borough with a sense of community and a beautiful place to live.	1/24/2019 3:24 PM
3	Thought needs to be given to the changing nature of work, commerce and retail	1/15/2019 5:28 PM
4	n/a	1/7/2019 2:54 PM
5	Helping the economy grow is central to a vibrant local community but this must be done in a measured and considered way, bearing in mind the impact that such development will have on the local environment. At the moment, I don't see evidence that enough thought has been given to this.	1/6/2019 11:05 PM
6	Policy EC 7.1 discusses an increase in the total number of jobs and 7.1.c cites location as the key to reducing the need to travel by car; promoting cycling as the preferred means of travel around the Borough in this policy would support opening up a wider range of locations. Policy EC 7.1.b.vi talks about asking developers to factor in local employment considerations at the end of their development cycle. This should be changed to insist that developers include local employment considerations at the start of their development cycle by considering how they can encourage their staff to walk or cycle to work. Policy EC 7.2 Merton will support proposals relating to employment sites that: c) Have good access to public transport. Proposals for offices and business should be easily accessible by walking and cycling and wherever possible have facilities such as showers and secure cycle parking to support this. Measures to reduce reliance on car travel such as parking restrictions, travel plans, and other appropriate measures will also be required. To encourage this type of development Merton must provide an environment in which people choose to walk and cycle. Draft London Plan Policy T5 expects Merton to deliver such an improved cycle infrastructure but at the time of submission it has been impossible to assess if Merton's Transport proposals are adequate to achieve this as the Transport chapter was not published until 4 January; we welcome the extension to comment on the Transport section, but our comments on this section and whether they are adequately supported by the Transport chapter are limited until we have had time to assess this chapter.	1/6/2019 10:12 PM
7	The emphasis on preserving sites that provide employment is helpful. Development in the area has been overly skewed towards new residential buildings, usually to the detriment of commercial/industrial space. I wholeheartedly agree with the lack of support for self-storage sites. These are parasitic and create dead space. The Council should also consider implementing and if necessary seeking the relevant power from central government to implement, policies that would penalise landlords that keep properties vacant for an excessive period. Vacant commercial properties create blight that affects units around them and can also cause a domino effect of further vacancies.	1/6/2019 9:50 PM
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9	I would hope to see more changes and variety of businesses especially art and sport related in Morden area.	1/5/2019 10:27 PM

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10	We have a limited area for development tightly constrained on all sides by residential property. I do not believe that we can grow at the rate Merton describes and that business will necessarily need this amount of space. I have concerns that we do not overbuild the area with unnecessary office space.	1/5/2019 8:20 PM
11	Bit too ambitious.	1/5/2019 10:26 AM
12	I can't see companies relocating their offices from central London to Wimbledon unless the rates are substantially lower. It is more likely that flexible working and working from home will be more encouraged so that they can reduce their lease costs. So, I am unsure how the plan to be a metropolitan centre will pan out. Your policy already states there isn't the demand for office space. What is the reason this would change? I can see Wimbledon being more cultural with the theatres and tennis and supporting this would be the retail/hotels.	12/27/2018 4:32 PM
13	Ok	12/25/2018 11:54 PM
14	see section 20	12/20/2018 12:17 PM
15	Morden has good transport links, it make sense to build more offices here at the time when a lot of the companies in central London are looking to move further out due to increasing rent and uncertainty.	12/13/2018 12:21 PM
16	-	12/10/2018 3:04 PM