

For and on Behalf of Merton Citizens www.citizensuk.org

Dear Sirs,

We thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Merton Local Plan 2020; in particular the Strategic Objectives for Housing and also Chapter 4 – Housing Policy.

We request that the Council adopts a plan fully recognising that Residential Use whether as a primary or mixed use development is important to the economy, security and vibrancy of the town centres. Merton Citizens will support developments brought forward by the Council where there is at least 50% affordable housing provision on public land and 35% on private land. In this mix of affordability we recognise the need for 60% to be social housing with the remainder made up of London Living Rent and affordable home ownership linked to local incomes. We also have requested the Council to commit to including community land trusts as a recognised form of affordable housing in Merton's local plan.

Please accept this email as our comments on the current draft proposals.