

# Mitcham Survey

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6617183364	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	People will hardly say "no" to these proposals - the question is priority between them. For Mitcham to prosper, it needs to be a more attractive centre and easier - and more attractive - to get to if you're not driving. Most of the motorised traffic drives straight through on the gyratory system and adds no value. But people who live locally and walk to easily walk, cycle or take the bus get less priority on the local roads. For the Regen Mitcham investment to achieve its goals, the wider network of roads, walking & cycle routes and public transport need to be re-engineered to prioritise locals - it's time to stop investing for the benefit of through traffic.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Another question where the obvious answer is 'yes' to all - the question is priority. Public and active transport links need greater focus, as the default for Pollards Hill and Mitcham is to drive. The area is flat: the roads should be suitable for anyone 8-to-80 to walk and cycle without being supervised or worried by motorised traffic - we're far from that ideal.	
6616846469	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes								
6616260279						The impermeability of infrastructure around Mitcham is a significant barrier to regeneration. Development should also be required to create coherent spaces and reconfigure the centre to make the town centre environment more attractive to cyclists and pedestrians. Improvements to transport infrastructure must also continue to be made to improve safety for cyclists and pedestrians.				Yes	Yes	Public realm and development must also make the environment more attractive to cyclists and pedestrians who use the town centre. Any proposals to improve the access to and around Mitcham and Mitcham Eastfields should prioritise improvements for cyclists and pedestrians.	Merton Cycling Campaign represents the views of cyclists from across the borough of Merton with a range of different ages, abilities, and purposes for their journey.
6616207886	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes								
6616192109	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Provide seats at bus stops and other places for older people and people with children and disabilities to rest when shopping in Mitcham. Provide toilet facilities. Reduce the CPZ time restrictions to encourage people to stop and shop after work.			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Encourage businesses to keep their shops and surrounding areas tidy.
6616174839	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes								At the heart of the special status of the Mitcham Cricket Green, the oldest Green in the world, is the home of Mitcham Cricket Club. The cricket club is supported by c150 cricketers and volunteers. It has a thriving junior section consisting of local children from diverse backgrounds. The club is building a women's team to play in 2018. Two of its adult teams have recently been promoted to the Surrey Championship. In spite of this hard work, the future of this historic club is at risk as the owner of the pavilion refuses to give the Cricket Club a lease. This starves the club of the ability to apply for many grants to improve its facilities. The delinquent landlord, who also owns the Burn Bullock pub, has not invested a single penny in the pavilion since he acquired the freehold in 2009. Three simple ways that Merton can support the cricket club and keep cricket on the historic green: 1) Use the powers of compulsory purchase to put the ownership of the pavilion in community hands. This would unlock funding which would allow the pavilion's facilities to be upgraded and the pavilion to be put to year-round community use. 2) This could be supported by placing restrictions on the pavilion being redeveloped for anything other than community use. 3) Install traffic calming measures on Cricket Green Road (the A239) outside the pavilion. Crossing directly from the pavilion to the green is a dangerous activity and puts at risk the many users of the green, including growing numbers of children. The only safe crossings currently in place are at the junction with London Road (65m away) and require pedestrians to cross the access road of the pub car park, and three separate light controlled crossing points. The other pedestrian crossing at Mitcham Police Station is 130 metres away and is impractical for users of the green. A simple road calming measure such as flat-top humps would make a huge difference without significantly adversely impacting traffic flow.
6616037183	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes								
6616014372	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes								
6615974642	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	More parking near shops	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
6615940913	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes								The changes around the town centre are a breath of fresh air and the overhauled traffic management is a big improvement. Mitcham now needs more diverse businesses in the town centre, please reduce the NUMBER OF BETTING SHOPS. There are too many of those in Mitcham!?. Also, the number of 'greasy spoons' and chicken shops need a review. Again, there are too many of those type of businesses in Mitcham; they're UNHEALTHY and are contributing to the deterioration of our Health & Wellbeing??. Some of them are too close to schools thus within easy access for school children??. Mitcham needs at least one coffee shop that IS NOT a greasy spoon and will offer a healthier option for the community. Also, there is a lack of accessible leisure activities in the Town Centre, so can we please have a small "CINEMA". The old Harrods site is vacant, just a thought!?. Those 2 pubs in the Town Centre are a mess??. They're dilapidated and NOT WELCOMING for families, yet they have so much potential. I'm aware that those businesses are in private hands but is there anything the local authority can do to give them a nudge??. The 'Kings Arms' is about to crumble and is in a bad state of disrepair??. Mitcham has a lot of potential Merton, it needs a creative mind and "money" of course to develop the area and enhance community cohesion.
6615842321	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes								Walking and cycling must be integrated into these proposals.
6614344214	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Mitcham's pedestrianised town centre is lovely but doesn't attract desired shops or cafes. Litter and fly-tipping is a massive problem where the neighbourhood doesn't look looked after.	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Please also continue development of cycling provision around Mitcham
661343107	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	We would encourage increasing the number, density and quality of residential units in the town centre to create a more sustainable community	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
6612390326	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes								Improve connectivity to/from Mitcham eastfields by all means, but be aware that the trains at commuter times are already so full that sometimes you cannot get on them. Mitcham common is at the end of my road and yet I didn't go there for nearly two years. In some way this is great because it keeps the land feeling like a nature reserve, but in other ways it suggests that the surrounding areas or the marketing of the common aren't what they could be - otherwise the common would be acting as a real drawcard for the area (think how Clapham and tooting have changed)
6612170947	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes		No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Tooting is experiencing massive gentrification but this doesn't seem to be spreading southward into Merton (Wimbledon has already transformed). I live near Figgess Marsh and love that this piece of Grass is so close, but it acts in soeways as a barrier between tooting and Mitcham and keeps the money in Tooting. As cafes, gastropubs and the likes can't bridge this gap perhaps improved public realm work can, or the space (or Mitcham centre) could play host to those being priced out of the tooting markets in some way. Change is happening, but it seems to me that the cash flow stops at Lidl/the Gorringe Arms. Unless something of joy or use (eg mixed retail/leisure of some sort) goes into the gap between there and Mitcham library I can't ever see this changing.
6611211108	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	I am reluctant to endorse cultural diversity as we should want to build on the common aspects we have rather than dig deeper and possibly create segregation / divisions. I've no problem for example with specialist shops that sell items from eg Poland as they add to the interest and rich nature of the area, but I would prefer money went into strengthening leisure activities for all, whatever the origins of the residents, so we gain from a harmonisation of people's backgrounds and traditions rather than perpetuate potential division. People are in the UK because they want to be here and whilst culture and traditions are important a common goal and facilities for all residents should be the aim, and perhaps more intense cultural activities done at a more informal level, with leisure spaces being able to be rented out for clubs or gatherings	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Public, pedestrian space in the centre of Mitcham is important and I didn't and still don't like the dissection of the centre with the new bus road. It wasn't necessary, as far as I was concerned the original bus stops dotted round the 'island' of pedestrian space in the centre worked well. I remember when the main road ran through the centre, and how much nicer it was when that changed. I'm also at a loss to understand why the left filter to take traffic towards Tooting (opposite Lidl's) was removed as that relieved the traffic however slightly. I used that filter daily and I'm now stuck behind the build up of traffic going straight across which is always congested. It's not as tho the pavement was narrow there and more needed. Traffic easing should be a priority not a backward step. The other change just further along, to the right hand turn at Townsend's the estate agents to take you behind Morrisons, where there used to be a right hand lane which is now gone. And frankly I feel vulnerable when turning right there as it is an awkward corner, and your car isn't protected from traffic behind expecting to follow the road straight round, not be confronted by a car waiting to turn right. That route takes me to my home so I use it frequently and spend a lot of time there when waiting, looking anxiously in the rear view mirror as the road has a slight bend behind and the number of cars that come swinging round, that then force their way into the other lane, not expecting a stationary car in front of them, is an accident waiting to happen. Now the change has been made, more signage is needed either by road side or on the road itself to warn cars of right hand turn. It is very sad that both of these road changes are far from being useful, were in fact unnecessary, and are now adding to congestion, and possible negative effect on road safety. If it ain't broke don't mend it - and certainly don't spend money on it	Mitcham Eastfields station was the best thing to happen to Mitcham in the 30+ years I've lived here, just a pity that the tram route isn't nearer to the actual centre if Mitcham. Also the historical aspects of Mitcham are important and should be preserved and promoted



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6549007924	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Merton housing developments have seen every spare patch of grass and space consumed to cram more and more housing in. I've seen many homes and pubs converted to low quality flats and ugly flats built on and around Mitcham Common to generate money. I still remember the listed cottages that were torn down (Cedars Ave) illegally to generate more money for developers. I do not trust that the council have the interests of the town in mind when it comes to generating money for the developers	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	I believe the council will allow more development if it makes money regardless. Mitcham Cricket Green has already had modern development around the Cricket Green and more is to follow, whether residents protest or not.	
6548979652												
6545937860						Yes	Yes	Yes				
6545553698	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		We need better transport links to neighbouring communities and more attractive shops in Mitcham town centre. I would shop there if there were shops I wanted to go to.
6539248210	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
6537021200	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No		
6529364808	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	North Mitcham and giggles marsh please help us	
6527890632	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No		
6527745103	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
6527504496	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	The Cricket Green is a particular delicate area and any proposed road changes should only be made after full consultation with the public. Opening up the extension of the Hallofield Way to go through the closing Suez site to cross the tram line and link up with Morden Hall Road would alleviate traffic through the Cricket Green area.	Mitcham has become a dangerous place for pedestrians because of the mix of traffic and pedestrians in the town centre. It will not be long before someone is knocked down, if they haven't already. Hopefully no one will be killed, but I would not take any bets on it. Also the buses going north bound through the Fair Green only stop at the far side of the area whereas those going south bound stop right in the centre. We were promised buses stopping right in the centre and this can be achieved with a bit more lateral thinking.
6524354079	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Better cycling and walking infra structure please on the roads that lead towards the centre of Mitcham.	Would like the council to consider a 20mph zone in Mitcham
6518168822	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		please review traffic and pollution caused by too many cars and badly managed traffic and junctions
6511440057	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes							