

Q6 What are your thoughts on the Raynes Park policy and Site Allocations?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Please see our earlier comments, submitted 6 January 2019	1/27/2019 6:35 PM
2	no	1/15/2019 5:28 PM
3	n/a	1/7/2019 2:54 PM
4	Nothing to add	1/6/2019 11:05 PM
5	The developments in the Raynes Park section, particularly RP2, RP3 and RP4 developments are all large developments and close together and could form a significant opportunity to either get new travel options right or get it badly wrong. There is a significant opportunity here for cycling. The three sites lie just south of the New Malden - Raynes Park link that is under construction, and so could be connected to the major Kingston Road - New Malden - Raynes Park - South Wimbledon - Colliers Wood - CS7 cycling axis, as well as the New Malden - Raynes Park - Wimbledon cycling axis. The Raynes Park policy should explicitly encourage the connection of these sites through high quality links that would support a high level of cycling. This could include full segregation on Burlington Road and West Barnes Lane. These already have sections of low-quality cycling lanes which could be upgraded, and gaps filled in. It might also be possible to open cycling links from these sites to the north alongside the A3, to connect to existing routes towards Richmond Park. To encourage active transport links to the most northerly of the three sites, RP4, then residential development on the site should have site access orientated towards the north (Bodnant Gardens). If access is maintained from the south, nobody is going to cycle or walk along the noisy, polluted Bushey Road flyover and adjacent service roads, and so that would just result in another car-orientated development.	1/6/2019 10:12 PM
6	Hugely concerned about the impact of RP9 on the local primary school. The school already is struggling with space (internal and external) and access to the site for emergencies, parents and visitors. This is an educational facility and should be added to the existing school site to further enhance the education offer in the area. This is an area of Merton where young families are increasing and the demand on school places will go up. By offering the site to Joseph Hood Primary School, you would increase the access to the school, it's profile within the local community and opportunities for educational diversification. The area is already a parking and traffic risk for the school users, and adding additional residential capacity to this area will also add to this concern. I think the additional access to RP4 via Bodnant Gardens and better public transport to Raynes Park would add real value to this area and am feel that the green space and sporting provision in RP6 should be a priority to preserve/maintain.	1/6/2019 9:36 PM

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7	<p>The Raynes Park Tennis Club was approached by Bellway Homes Ltd in 2017, and we were asked if we would be interested in having additional tennis facilities on the land which is shown as RP6 in this Local Plan consultation. The club responded by saying that we would potentially be interested, on the basis that the housing proposals which Bellways had prepared for the eastern part of the RP6 site, would fund the new tennis facilities. The tennis club indicated that the club would be interested in enlarging their present site by adding a further 3 full sized floodlit tennis courts, and 4 "mini tennis" courts (also floodlit). These courts would have high fencing around them. The club would also wish to secure car and cycle parking facilities, with controlled access, for its exclusive use, and 26 car spaces were proposed. The new facilities would need to be designed in such a way that "pay and play" tennis could be offered. It was also suggested that the attractiveness of the club to new members could be enhanced if several of its existing courts could be re-laid with an artificial clay surface. A storage shed and a spectator seating area were also suggested as part of the package. A tennis facility of this scale would be extremely expensive to build and the finances of the club mean that the tennis club itself would not be in any position to create such facilities. It appears to the tennis club that a residential development on part of the RP6 site would be necessary in order to generate funding for such tennis facilities. The site has remained vacant for around 6 years, since the Meadowview development was completed. Given the need for both housing and recreational facilities in the area this is seen as wasteful. The Council has yet to be convinced that residential use is required to fund new recreational uses, but from the tennis club's perspective some major injection of funding from an outside source would be needed if the tennis club is to benefit from enlarged tennis facilities, as described above. Residential development seems to be the most likely way of providing that funding.</p>	1/6/2019 4:36 PM
8	<p>I am the owner of the land ("P002") to the south of the playing fields, RP5. I would please like to apply for this piece of land to be declassified as "Open Space", as it is actually a completely closed-off piece of land from the public, and is in fact not visually accessible (except by a row of neighbours to the south, as their gardens adjoin us). I believe that it was erroneously classified as Open Space because a satellite photo or map makes it appear as though it's part of the playing fields, RP5, to the north. It was classed as "very small" and therefore excluded from the Open Space study during the 2010-11 report (see 2.3.6 about small spaces excluded in the formulation of the report). My neighbour, the land to the west of us, has already been declassified as Open Space in 2013 as they had made a planning application (Mr Eben Van der Westhuizen was a part of this process). Please contact me directly if I can be of further assistance, at 07894730218, or colgtan@gmail.com. Miss Kate O'Donnell had recommended that I reply officially via this survey form. Thank you!</p>	1/5/2019 11:17 PM
9	<p>I am particularly concerned about the proposal for flats being built at Tesco. Given the number of properties, there could be potentially 1k+ people living on the site. There aren't enough parking spaces, it would put pressure on the local schools and GP surgeries and the traffic would be even worse than it currently is. It's stated in the proposed policy that there are no plans for more retail sites in the Shannon Corner area. Does this include the cleared site next to Next? What will it be used for if not for retail? In regards to the development of West Barnes Library, I would love to see a new and improved library for the area. Careful thought will have to be given though as to where the library will be temporarily sited during work. It would be detrimental to the area to have no library at all at that time. It does feel as though we're the forgotten part of the borough. I'm not sure putting considerably more people into the area with the proposed residential plans will make us more memorable.</p>	1/5/2019 10:31 PM
10	<p>RP6 must only be developed if the probable flooding issue is taken into consideration - why not turn it into a lake instead and incorporate wildlife into the local plan - there needs to be adequate space for flood plains in the area which could be used at times of increased ground water. RP5 keep as a sporting venue but see if it can be opened up to a wider audience. I see this is also a flood area and needs to be kept as such. Overall the plan for Raynes park is patchy and doesn't reflect any sense of bringing the different parts of the community together.</p>	1/5/2019 8:20 PM
11	<p>not had time to consider, but Raynes Park continues to be 'up and coming', one of the local areas that has a sense of community, good transport links a good local facilities.</p>	1/5/2019 2:34 PM
12	<p>Care must be taken not to blight Raynes Park as it is a very pleasant residential area.</p>	1/5/2019 10:26 AM

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13	Site RP2 245 – 247 Burlington Road This site allocation is to the south of the main Tesco site. We object to the allocation because it does not specifically prevent the formation of a vehicular link from Tesco to Burlington Road. Also the allocation should also make specific reference to the requirement to widen Burlington Road to create a filter lane between the roundabout with Claremont Avenue and the existing site entrance.	1/3/2019 4:06 PM
14	I am a local resident and my children attend Wimbledon Chase Primary School, I would like to be kept informed about plans for RP9 the old adult education site.	1/3/2019 9:44 AM
15	Site RP9 is of interest to me, as I know the area, and I know that parking is already a significant problem. Again, how not to spoil the residential view, and you/we must provide ample parking.	12/30/2018 6:22 PM
16	As a parent of children at Joseph Hood Primary I am interested in your ideas for the redevelopment of site RP9. It would be exciting if this could benefit our thriving school community. Also your redevelopment plans must allow the school access for deliveries etc. (this is already an issue with the Harris Academy) and ensure that our children school school remains a safe environment. I look forward to hearing of your plans in more detail.	12/29/2018 3:43 PM
17	Ok	12/25/2018 11:54 PM
18	Wimbledon Chase hardly figures in your plans. What would be the impact of RP9 on its immediate area and Wimbledon Chase in particular.	12/24/2018 11:29 AM
19	see section 20	12/20/2018 12:17 PM
20	Site RP9 - consideration needs to be given to the impact of housing near a school. The increased traffic, when those roads are already extremely busy. The need for the expansion of Joseph Hood School in the future given the increased numbers the school is taking in.	12/18/2018 5:38 PM
21	N/A	12/13/2018 12:21 PM
22	Re. Site RP9, Merton Adult Education Centre. I am interested in hearing more about plans for the Adult Education Centre building and how it can be of benefit to Joseph Hood School, which my daughter attends. In particular, Joseph Hood is lacking in sports facilities, so if the site could partly at least be used for this purpose, that would be of great to benefit to the school.	12/12/2018 9:17 PM
23	As a parent of Joseph Hood children, I look forward to hearing more about your ideas for developing the Adult Education Site (RP9) and how it will benefit the school. I really think it could benefit our school to keep it as an educational building, especially considering the school will be with full two intakes from next year, meaning that having access to more space/facilities/rooms would be a huge improvement for our children.	12/12/2018 5:09 PM
24	I am particularly interested in RP 9 and do not believe that this site should be used for residential use. it is adjacent to a school site and should be kept as an educational site-perhaps as a SEN base linked to Joseph Hood Primary School or an Adult Education Site -which is what it was before. Joseph Hood Primary School is already surrounded on all 3 sides by housing and would be completely surrounded if RP 9 became residential. There would also be the issue around the safety of the 350+children whilst developing the site and the safeguarding during the works and after.	12/12/2018 4:45 PM
25	-	12/10/2018 3:04 PM