

Q17 What are your thoughts on the Retail policies?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Please see our earlier comments, submitted 6 January 2019	1/27/2019 6:35 PM
2	I live in Pollards Hill and I rarely use the the retail places in Mitcham, Instead I go to Croydon because there is more variety. Small stores are finding it increasingly hard to compete with Amazon and other online retailers. I say we need retail which is focused on experience rather than just buying things, thank you and buy. This is also why people dont want to buy in retail any more, there is no experience behind it.	1/24/2019 3:24 PM
3	Small shops are a necessity to encourage start-ups and other independent stores	1/15/2019 5:28 PM
4	Retail should no longer be looked at in isolation form high street/residential/leisure and public space - this is the lesson of the slow death of the high street - 40 years of retail policy !	1/7/2019 2:54 PM
5	Shops and shopping parades should incorporate the healthy streets and liveable neighbourhoods approach to Town Centres, including pedestrianisation and increasing secure cycle parking would encourage an increase in cycling and walking trips and encourage people to spend longer in our centres, with the attendant economic benefits – TfL’s publication ‘Walking and Cycling the economic benefits’ (November 2018) finds that facilitating walking and cycling is important for attracting staff and then retaining staff, furthermore walking and cycling improvements can increase retail spend by up to 30%.	1/6/2019 10:12 PM
6	There is sufficient large scale retail in Colliers Wood. There does not need to be any more large scale retailers. However more choice for restaurants would be welcome.	1/6/2019 7:56 PM
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8	What Retail policy?	1/6/2019 4:34 PM
9	It’s definitely important to protect local shops. But serious thought needs to be given to what will happen to empty sites which would previously be retail e.g. the site by Next and Pets At Home near Shannon Corner.	1/5/2019 10:31 PM
10	?	1/5/2019 8:20 PM
11	Need to take changing shopping habits into account	1/5/2019 6:31 PM
12	Retailing is changing because buying on line can be done without finding somewhere to park or carry home heavy things. If shops are to survive I am afraid parking provision has to be accepted.	1/5/2019 10:26 AM
13	Policies need to be flexible with interchangeable uses without the need leave a premises vacant for long periods e.g. if 2 units are empty for 2 years, it has a negative impact the two adjoining units - impacting on the viability of the whole parade. The policy test to require marketing evidence actually harm the viability of local shopping units, reducing employment potential and the wider economic benefits offered by alternative uses including residential.	1/3/2019 9:01 PM
14	More emphasis on small independents / market type units required.	12/30/2018 10:57 PM

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15	another one missing from main page	12/30/2018 6:22 PM
16	Ok	12/25/2018 11:54 PM
17	No more fast food outlets please. We are now well served both sides of the bridge. But please no more fast food outlets in the Neighbourhood Parade area. We now have a fish and chip shop, a café, an Indian as well as Costa Coffee. The Raynes Park side of the bridge has numerous such outlets already.	12/24/2018 11:29 AM
18	see section 20	12/20/2018 12:17 PM
19	No further comment	12/13/2018 12:21 PM
20	do we need as much commercial space as suggested? where is the evidence for this	12/12/2018 6:26 AM
21	High street Retail depends entirely on foot-fall. To establish the best conditions for this key elements include: pedestrian friendly spaces such as open areas with seating/features of interest, uncluttered pathways and eye-lines; ease and safety of crossing roads; effective control of litter; and sort out the business rates by giving reductions to areas that are strategically important to your plans (e.g. merton high street in south wimbledon)	12/10/2018 3:04 PM