Adoption of London Borough of Merton Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) for Planning

Notice is hereby given that on 15th June 2020 Merton Council adopted the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) for Planning. The SCI for planning sets out how the Council will involve interested parties and communities in planning policy development and planning applications.

The SCI for planning replaces the earlier Statement of Community Involvement which was, adopted in 2006. The new Statement of Community Involvement has been updated to reflect current legislation and places greater emphasis on meaningful community engagement. The new SCI has been updated to reflect current legislation and places greater emphasis on meaningful community engagement.

Covid-19 and the requirements to make the documents available

Under regulation 35 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 the Local Planning Authority must make both this Adoption Statement, statement of consultation and the final SCI “available” within our Civic Centre, the website and in our reference libraries (Wimbledon, Morden, Raynes Park and Mitcham). However, due to the current guidance intended to combat the spread of coronavirus this is not currently appropriate or possible. The recently amended national Planning Policy Guidance is clear that in such circumstances the Local Planning Authority must make “temporary amendments”

The documents are available on the Council’s webpages and in all the Council’s reference libraries as soon as this possible to do so.

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