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Why oh why can't Merton get the simple things right? The More Morden plans are flawed because Merton cannot get their minds around which geographical areas are which - - Maybe if Merton actually learnt a bit of geography it would help:-

The first page of "The Vision & Strategic Objectives" lists London's Boroughs under the grand heading Merton in the London Context:-

For some reason 15 is identified as "havering" (not Havering?)  
16 is identified as Haringey (not Bexley?)  
17 is identified as Harrow (not Bromley?)  
18 is identified as Havering (not Ealing?)  
I'm not sure why "Westminster" has lost its "City of"?

So the London Context stands very little chance

And why does the next page include a map of Merton with only two places of worship starred? one of those is sited somewhere in the underground depot, presumably supposed to be The Baitul Futuh Mosque. The other is seemingly Buddhapadipa Temple – why are there no CofE/RC/etc. places of worship identified? and Morden underground station is sited on the York Road car park!

It seems sad that a few pages on the map chooses to forget significant areas including Merton and Merton Park – again its simplicity simply betrays an inability to understand the context of the neighbourhoods within Merton.

Do you know what a "bog-box" is? or what are "sore sizes"? (Colliers Wood has a ". . . broad mix of . . ." them)!

Presumably, as there is little mention of it, Merton do not think Sutton Link will happen! If it does happen, Merton's plan will be shot to pieces! The limited mention thinks it will provide transport to Merton - - whereas the whole idea is to provide

transport to London (bypassing Merton)! The Plan presumes that Sutton Link will stop at South Wimbledon - the consultation considers three destinations.

Why is the plan to build more and more houses - without a thought about where the occupants will work - or is the assumption that the occupants will work outside of the borough - requiring more and more transport - whatever happened to a balanced development policy of housing/employment/infrastructure/etc.

Is it "Prince Georges' business area"?

Is it Colliers Wood or Collier's Wood? clearly Merton don't know – so they've used both just in case!

The quality of spelling and punctuation throws the credibility of the whole Plan into doubt.

The idea that there is anywhere in Morden that it could be considered appropriate to build more "taller buildings" beggars belief.

The infrastructure is not sufficient to support any more development.

This is supposed to be Merton's Plan for the next 20 years - but the bulk of this is all about the schemes that have been talked about during the past 20 years and should, according to those schemes, be completed by now.

There are no ideas recognising the increased rat-running and how to reduce that.

Where does this Plan actually address the infrastructure needed e.g. schools - - ?  
e.g. drains - - ?

This Plan simply captures the transport schemes that are already in place. What are the plans for the next 20 years? This Plan is supposed to look at what Merton will look like in the future – not simply regurgitate the existing schemes.

In summary – You've missed a chance – It's badly thought through - Nothing exciting planned for the next 20 years - No Vision.