

# Merton's Estates Local Plan

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## Duty to co-operate statement

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# 1 Introduction

This statement outlines how the Estates Local Plan, hereby referred to as the Plan has been prepared in accordance with the statutory requirements of Duty to Co-operate. It sets out how the London Borough of Merton has co-operated with statutory bodies and other bodies/organisations in the preparation of Plan.

This Duty to Co-operate Statement accompanies the Submission Draft version of the Estates Local Plan and supporting documents, which are being submitted to the Secretary of State for examination.

A Statement of Consultation, which sets out how the council has consulted relevant bodies during the preparation of the Plan has been written. This Duty to Co-operate statement shows how the council has fulfilled its duty to co-operate obligations, as set out under Section 110 of the Localism Act 2011 (and explanatory notes), Section 33A of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) and Part 2 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

- 1.1 The Plan once adopted will become part of Merton's <sup>1</sup>Local Plan as well as the <sup>2</sup>National Planning Framework (NPPF), national Planning Practice (PPG) and the <sup>3</sup>London Plan: :
- Core Planning Strategy (2011)
  - Sites and Policies Plan (2014)
  - Policies Map (2014)
  - The South London Waste Plan (2012)

## Localism Act

- 1.2 The '*Duty to Cooperate*' is a statutory duty. Section 110 of the <sup>4</sup>Localism Act 2011 inserts section 33A and section 20(5) (c) into the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. Section 33A imposes a duty on a local planning authority to cooperate with other

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<sup>1</sup> Merton's Local Plan [www.merton.gov.uk/localplan](http://www.merton.gov.uk/localplan)

<sup>2</sup> NPPF: [www.gov.uk/nppf](http://www.gov.uk/nppf)

<sup>3</sup> London Plan: [www.london.gov.uk/londonplan](http://www.london.gov.uk/londonplan)

<sup>4</sup> Localism Act 2011: [www.legislation.gov.uk/LocalismAct](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/LocalismAct)

local planning authorities, county councils and bodies or other persons as prescribed (being those identified in regulation 4 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012).

- 1.3** Section 20(5) (c) includes the duty for the purposes of the independent examination and there is a need to demonstrate compliance if examination is to proceed. Section 33A came into force on 15 November 2011 and applies to all plans submitted for examination after that date even if their preparation started before the commencement of the duty. There are no transitional provisions.
- 1.4** Duty to Co-operate requires a local planning authority to engage constructively, actively and on an on-going approach in any process; by means of which particular activities are undertaken. This duty relates to strategic matters in the preparation of:
- Development plans
  - Other local development documents
  - Marine plans
- 1.5** The Localism Act defines a strategic matter as sustainable development or use of land that has or would have a significant impact on at least two planning areas, including (in particular) sustainable development or use of land for or in connection with infrastructure that is strategic and has or would have a significant impacts on at least two planning areas, which include district, county and London councils.
- 1.6** In respect of these strategic matters the council is required to co-operate with the following bodies/organisation as set out in the Localism Act:
- Neighbouring Local Planning Authorities (LPA)
  - a county council in England that is not a local planning authority
  - Environment Agency
  - Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England (known as Historic England)
  - Natural England
  - Mayor of London (and offices held by the Mayor) and the Greater London Authority (GLA)
  - Civil Aviation Authority
  - Homes and Communities Agency (for London under the GLA)
  - Primary Care Trusts and NHS (or similar bodies)
  - Office of Rail Regulation
  - Transport for London (TfL)
  - Each highway authority within the meaning of section 1 of the Highways Act 1980 (including the Secretary of State, where the Secretary of State is the highways authority)
  - Marine Management Organisation (not applicable to Merton)
  - a “local enterprise partnership” (the recently established Pan-London LEP operates through the Mayor of London/GLA)
  - London Councils.

- 1.7 The above organisations are required to co-operate with local planning authorities, county councils that are not local planning authorities and the other prescribed bodies. These bodies play a key role in delivering local aspirations, and cooperation between them and local planning authorities is vital to make Local Plans as effective as possible on strategic cross boundary matters.
- 1.8 The bodies should be proportionate in how they do this and tailor the degree of cooperation according to where they can maximise the effectiveness of plans.

### **The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)**

- 1.9 The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) (paragraphs 178 to 181) gives further guidance on *'planning strategically across local boundaries'*. In addition para 178 states that: *'The Government expects joint working on area of common interest to be diligently undertaken for the mutual benefit of neighbouring authorities'*.
- 1.10 The NPPF confirms that public bodies have a Duty to Co-operate on planning issues that cross administrative boundaries, particularly those, which relate to the strategic priorities set out in the NPPF (paragraph 156).
- 1.11 LPA's should set out the strategic priorities for the area in the Local Plan. This should include strategic polices to deliver:
- the homes and jobs needed in the area;
  - the provision of retail, leisure and other commercial development;
  - the provision of infrastructure for transport, telecommunications, waste management, water supply, wastewater, flood risk and coastal change management, and the provision of minerals and energy (including heat);
  - the provision of health, security, community and cultural infrastructure and other local facilities; and
  - Climate change mitigation and adaptation, conservation and enhancement of the natural and historic environment, including landscape.
- 1.12 Paragraph 181 of the NPPF states that *'Local Planning Authorities will be expected to demonstrate evidence of having successfully cooperated to plan for issues with cross-boundary impacts when their Local Plans are submitted for examination'*
- 1.13 The Planning Policy Guidance (PPG) states that local councillors and officers are responsible in leading discussion, negotiation and action to ensure effective planning for strategic matters in Local Plans. The PPG goes further and states (Para 4):

*This requires a proactive, on-going and focussed approach to strategic planning and partnership working.*

- 1.14** The Planning Inspectorate has indicated that a Duty of Co-operation statement is a requirement which must be completed at the time the Local Plan is submitted to the Secretary of State for examination and cannot be retrospectively applied through the examination process of the Local Plan.

## **2** Estates Local Plan context

- 2.1** The Estates Local Plan hereby referred to as the Plan has been written to guide the redevelopment proposals for the three estates that will come forward in the next 10 – 15 years. The three estates are Eastfields (Mitcham), Ravensbury (Morden sub area) and High Path (South Wimbledon/Colliers Wood).
- 2.2** The three housing estates were stock transferred by the council in March 2010 to Clarion Housing Group, a Registered Provider. The Stock Transfer Agreement including a legal obligation for Clarion Housing Group to undertake a programme of property improvements known as Decent Homes. In preparing to undertake these works, it became clear to Clarion Housing Group that the residential quality of some of the homes and neighbourhoods was of a poor standard. .
- 2.3** The Plan will be an essential part in shaping the redevelopment process of the each estate.
- 2.4** The Plan has been developed and informed by the comments from residents, businesses, key stakeholders, environmental groups and other interested groups at various stage of the Plans development. The Plan's policies cover a range of topic areas which are site specific to each estate. The Plan is design led however it still covers a range of topic areas which includes biodiversity, townscape, Land use, open space and building heights. The 2017 Statement of Consultation sets out more details on the consultation undertaken and the responses received.
- 2.5** The Plan gives effect to the strategic and development management policies, vision and strategic objectives of Merton's Local Plan.. There is a statutory requirement for the Plan to be in conformity with the Local Plan as well as national and regional planning policies and guidance.
- 2.6** In accordance with the NPPG Para 152 states that
- 'Local Plans should be aspirational but realistic'. It continues to state that '....Plans should set out the opportunities for development and clear policies on what will or will not be permitted and where'.*
- 2.7** Thus the aim of the Plan in conjunction with Merton's Local Plan is provide a statutory planning development framework which informs potential development on the three estates which, will contribute to sustainable development and contribute to the delivery of Merton's Local Plan strategic objectives.

**2.8** Once adopted the Plan will become part of Merton's Local Plan and will be a material consideration in any development proposals on each estate as well as other national, regional and local planning policies and guidance.

### **3 Strategic planning priorities**

**3.1** Merton's strategic Planning priorities are set out in the Core Planning Strategy (2011) which is part of Merton Local Plan. The Core Planning Strategy is the strategic element of Merton's Local Plan. Once adopted the Plan will be part of Merton's Local Plan. The key drivers for the Plan are

- Improving homes and neighbourhoods - through well designed energy efficient new homes
- Delivering new homes – for existing and new residents
- Delivering regeneration across all three estates – through a co-ordinated strategy considering social economic and environmental opportunities.
- Delivering Merton's Community Plan Vision – a great place to live and call home, where citizens are also neighbours and take responsibility for improving their own lives and neighbourhoods
- Delivering Merton's Core Strategy – to promote new homes and infrastructure within Merton's Town Centre and residential areas through physical regeneration and effective use of space.

**3.2** Like all London boroughs, Merton's Local Plan must be in general conformity with spatial development strategy for London, also known as the London Plan (Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, section 24).

**3.3** In practice, this means that London boroughs co-operate with each other and with the Mayor of London on a wide range of strategic planning factors and on their delivery.

**3.4** For example, the Mayor of London is responsible for strategic planning for new homes in London and co-ordinates the preparation of the London-wide Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment, strategic plan making via the London Plan and the Mayor's Housing Strategy to assist delivery Targets for each of the 33 London borough's contribution to London's housing need is set in the London Plan (policy 3.3 of the London Plan 2016). On delivery, the Homes and Communities Agency has recently been incorporated into the GLA family for its operation within London boroughs.

**3.5** Other key documents in Merton's Local Plan (Merton's Sites and Policies Plan and Policies Map 2014 and Merton's Core Planning Strategy 2011) are in general conformity with the Mayor's London Plan

## 4 Relevant 'Duty to Co-operate' bodies

4.1 The following bodies/organisations are those Merton council has carried out its duty under the Localism Act Duty to Co-operate:

4.2

- Neighbouring Local Planning Authorities (Wandsworth, Lambeth, Kingston, Croydon and Sutton)
- Environment Agency
- Historic England
- Natural England
- Mayor of London (and offices held by the Mayor) and the Greater London Authority (GLA)
- NHS and Merton Clinical Commissioning Group
- Transport for London (TfL)
- Highway Agency
- Sutton and East Surrey Water
- Thames Water

4.3 The summary below sets out how the council have engaged and consulted with the statutory bodies and where relevant; how this has influenced the policy approach advocated in the Plan.

**Figure 2: Relevant Duty to Co-operate Bodies**

<b>Group /body</b>	<b>Members</b>	<b>Format</b>	<b>Subject matter</b>
Mayor of London (including offices held by the Mayor) and the Greater London Authority (GLA)	Council officers and GLA officers.	Dialogue on specific elements of the Plan and consultation phases.	The Mayor of London has provided Merton Council with strategic advice on the development of the Plan in its roles of responsibility for strategic planning at a pan-London level.
Transport for London (TfL)	Council officers, (TfL) South and West Team TfL Planning and other operational teams within TfL	Dialogue on specific elements of the Plan and consultation phases.	TfL has provided Merton Council strategic advice on the development of the Plan in its roles of responsibility for strategic transport planning at the pan-London level
Metropolitan Police Service (MPS)	Council officers, MPS Secured by Design officer(s)	Dialogue on specific elements of the Plan and consultation phases.	The MPS has provided advice on design in relation to crime and anti-social behaviour which has informed and influenced the development of the Plan.
Wandsworth	Council officers and councillors from both councils	Dialogue on specific elements of the Plan and consultation phases.	Merton Council consulted with Wandsworth at various consultation stages of the Plan's development. Due to the location of each estate with neighbouring borough. Wandsworth do not consider that the Plan will impact on their housing proposals as the Estates will be replacing existing homes and building a relatively few homes per year for the next 10 years.
Lambeth	Council officers and councillors from both councils	Dialogue on specific elements of the Plan and consultation phases.	Merton Council consulted with Lambeth at various consultation stages of the Plan's development. Due to the location of each estate with neighbouring borough, Lambeth do not believe the Plan will impact on their housing proposals as the development will be replacing existing homes and building a relatively few homes per year for the next 10 years.
Kingston	Council officers and councillors from both councils	Dialogue on specific elements of the Plan and consultation phases.	Merton Council consulted with Kingston at various consultation stages of the Plan's development. Due to the location of each estate with neighbouring borough, Kingston do not believe the Plan will impact on their housing proposals as the development will be replacing existing homes and building a relatively few homes per

			year for the next 10 years.
Croydon	Council officers and councillors from both councils	Dialogue on specific elements of the Local Plan and consultation phases.	On-going input at various consultation stages of the Plan's development. Due to the location of each estate with neighbouring borough, Croydon do not believe the Plan will impact on their housing proposals as the development will be replacing existing homes and building a relatively few homes per year for the next 10 years.
Sutton	Council officers and councillors from both councils	Dialogue on specific elements of the Local Plan and consultation phases.	Merton Council has consulted with Sutton at various consultation stages of the Plan's development. However due to the location of each estate with neighbouring borough, Sutton do not believe the Plan will impact on their housing proposals as the development will be replacing existing homes and building a relatively few homes per year for the next 10 years.
Environment Agency (EA)	Council officers, EA officers and advisors.	On-going involvement with council officers and EA officers on flood management issues and technical advice for each estate. Consult at various consultation stages on the development of the Plan.	On-going input at various consultation stages of the Plan's development. The EA has given the council advice on environmental issues including water biodiversity and flood risk management.
Historic England (HE) (formally known as English Heritage)	Council officers, HE officers and advisors.	Dialogue on specific elements of the Local Plan and consultation phases.	On-going input at various consultation stages of the Plans development. HE has given the council advice on the built environment, conservation and historic assets either on the estates and the surrounding area.
Natural England (NE)	Council officers, NE officers and advisors.	Dialogue on specific elements of the Local Plan and consultation phases.	On-going input at various consultation stages of the Plans development. NE has given the council advice on the natural environment.
Merton Council departments and teams	Planning policy officers and other council officers such as housing teams, biodiversity	Dialogue on specific elements of the Local Plan and consultation phases.	On-going input at various consultation stages of the Plan's development on areas of their individual specialisms for example housing and greenspaces.

	and conservation officers.		The comments and advice given by council officers from different teams/department has informed the development of the Plan.
(Merton) Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA)	Policy Planning officers and LLFA member (which includes Flood risk management officer and Emergency Planner)	Dialogue on specific elements of the Local Plan and consultation phases.	On-going input at various consultation stages of the Plan's development on flood risk management issue in accordance with the Flood Water Management Act 2010.
Merton Biodiversity group	Policy planning officers and members of the biodiversity group which includes representation from Natation Trust, London Wildlife trust and Merton environmental officer including	Dialogue on specific elements of the Plan and consultation phases.	<p>There has been on-going consultation and engagement with Merton's Biodiversity group on the development of the Plan. This group has representation from a number of organisation and fields – council officers from Greenspace, Merton ecologist, planning, Merton Tree Wardens, the Mitcham and Wimbledon Common Conservators, National Trust and the London Wildlife Trust to name a few.</p> <p>The recommendations and advice from this group have informed and influence the Plan.</p>
Merton Public Health	Policy planning officers and Public Health officers.	Dialogue on specific elements of the Local Plan and consultation phases.	There has been on going consultation with Merton Public Health during the development of the Plan. Planning officers met and engaged with public health teams on health and well-being matters and social infrastructure. The Public Health team prepared the Health Impact Assessment (SD14) for the Estates Local Plan and will continue to liaise with planning policy and Clarion Housing Group to implement and monitor this
Thames Water	Council officers and Thames Water.	Dialogue on specific elements of the Plan and consultation phases.	Merton Council has consulted with Thames Water at various stages of the Plan's development on the topic area of water infrastructure management in accordance with the Flood Water Management Act 2010.

- 4.4 A schedule of meetings, agendas and minutes from meeting held with the council and bodies/organisations can be found in appendix A. Responses received from during the Plans consultations are all available to view on Merton website at: [www.merton.gov.uk/estatesplan](http://www.merton.gov.uk/estatesplan)

## 5 General Co-operation

- 5.1 This section outlines other examples of joint-working, co-operation and/or consultation that has influence on the development and preparation of the Plan.

### **Clarion Housing Group**

- 5.2 In March 2010 the council transferred its social housing stock, including the homes it owned on the three estates to Clarion Housing Group (previously Circle Housing Merton Priory) Estates Local Plan Background: Merton and Clarion Housing Group.(SD17) This was the beginning of the collaboration between the council and Clarion Housing Group on the improvement of homes across the three estates. The full background to the working relationship between the council and Clarion Housing Group is set out in (SD17) Merton council consulted with Clarion Housing Group and the estate residents during the Issues and Options, Draft and Pre Submission stages of the plan. Details of the methods of consultation and the dates during which this took place can be found in the Statement of Consultation (SD8).

### **London Enterprise Panel (London's Local Economic Partnership)**

- 5.3 Merton Council is represented in London's Enterprise Panel (LEP) (London's Local Enterprise Partnership). The LEP is made up of a mixture of representatives from the public and private sector and has been set up to:
- Provide strategic investment to support private sector growth and employment;
  - Promote enterprise and innovation and the acquisition of skills for sustained employment in London;
  - Protect and enhance London's competitiveness
- 5.4 The LEP has prepared a Jobs and Growth Plan 2013-20 which outlines the main focus for jobs and economic growth within the area for the next few years. The Jobs and Growth Plan has four main sections, each of which have sub-groups and actions:
- Skills and employment: to ensure Londoners have the skills to compete for and sustain London's jobs;
  - Micro, small and medium sized enterprises: to support and grow London's businesses; Digital creative, science and technology: for the capital to be recognised globally as world leading hub; for science, technology and innovation - creating new jobs and growth; and
  - Infrastructure: to keep London moving and functioning.

## South London Partnership

- 5.5 The South London Partnership covers five south London boroughs; Croydon, Kingston, Merton, Richmond and Sutton to promote and represent the interests of south London, particularly with regard to economic development and transport planning.
- 5.6 Members of the South London Partnership are made up of public, private and community organisations. There are several different groups which generally meet quarterly: Transport Strategy, Strategic Planning, Business Development and the Go South London Olympic Group. The Partnership provides the opportunity for boroughs to address issues that affect the south London; these matters include gypsy and traveller provision, transport, economic growth and regeneration and waste
- 5.7 Within the South London Strategic Partnership are a number of thematic groups and boards there are:
- **South London Planning and Regeneration Group (SLP and RG):** chaired by Sutton and attended by Merton, Lambeth, Croydon, Kingston, Wandsworth, Richmond and Bromley Councils
  - **South London Partnership Forum:** brings together the sub regional organisations operating in south London across the public, business and not-for-profit sectors to:
    - Strengthen the representation of south London interests to regional bodies and regional government; and,
    - Provide mutual support and a mechanism for collaboration between sub-regional bodies operating in south London.
  - **Transport Strategic Board:** provides a joint mechanism between Transport for London (TfL) and the south London local authorities for the development of a transport strategy for south London
  - **Strategic Planning Group:** provides forum where planning and transportation matters of sub-regional and pan-regional importance can be discussed and appropriate responses/actions agreed.
- 5.8 The Mayor's **Outer London Commission** advises the Mayor on how outer London can contribute to and benefit from London's economic success, focussing mainly on town centres, industrial areas and London Plan opportunity and intensification areas (such as the Area for Intensification in Colliers Wood South Wimbledon).
- 5.9 Merton is a member of and participates in the **London Waste and Recycling Board (LWARB)** in order to work strategically with the Mayor and other London boroughs to increase London's capacity for sustainable waste management in accordance with London Plan policy.

- 5.10** Merton Council is part of the **Drain London project**. The project is currently looking at one of the most serious challenges that London will face now and the near future from surface water flooding.
- 5.11** Drain London is a London wide partnership between the GLA and with London boroughs and provides an opportunity to engagement with Environment Agency, GLA, Thames Water and London Councils. To achieve more effective working practices, Drain London is split into sub regional groups, to which Merton is in sub-regional group 7. Other borough members of this sub group are Lambeth, Sutton, and Southwark.
- 5.12** Drain London provide helps and guidance for boroughs to manage and reduce surface water flood risk in their area and the whole of London by improving boroughs knowledge of the surface water drainage system and identifying areas at greatest risk of flooding. Within, Drain London project there are forums which help boroughs with their responsibilities for managing flood risk by providing guidance on asset registers, helping to form multi-agency partnerships and sharing good practice, knowledge and expertise.
- 5.13** Merton Council participated in the **All London Green Grid (ALGG)** whose purpose is establishing engagement on cross border open space projects. The Group enabled Merton to work closely with other authorities on positive management of the ecological and land management issues arising from open space development and national, regional guidance on open space.

## **6 Conclusion**

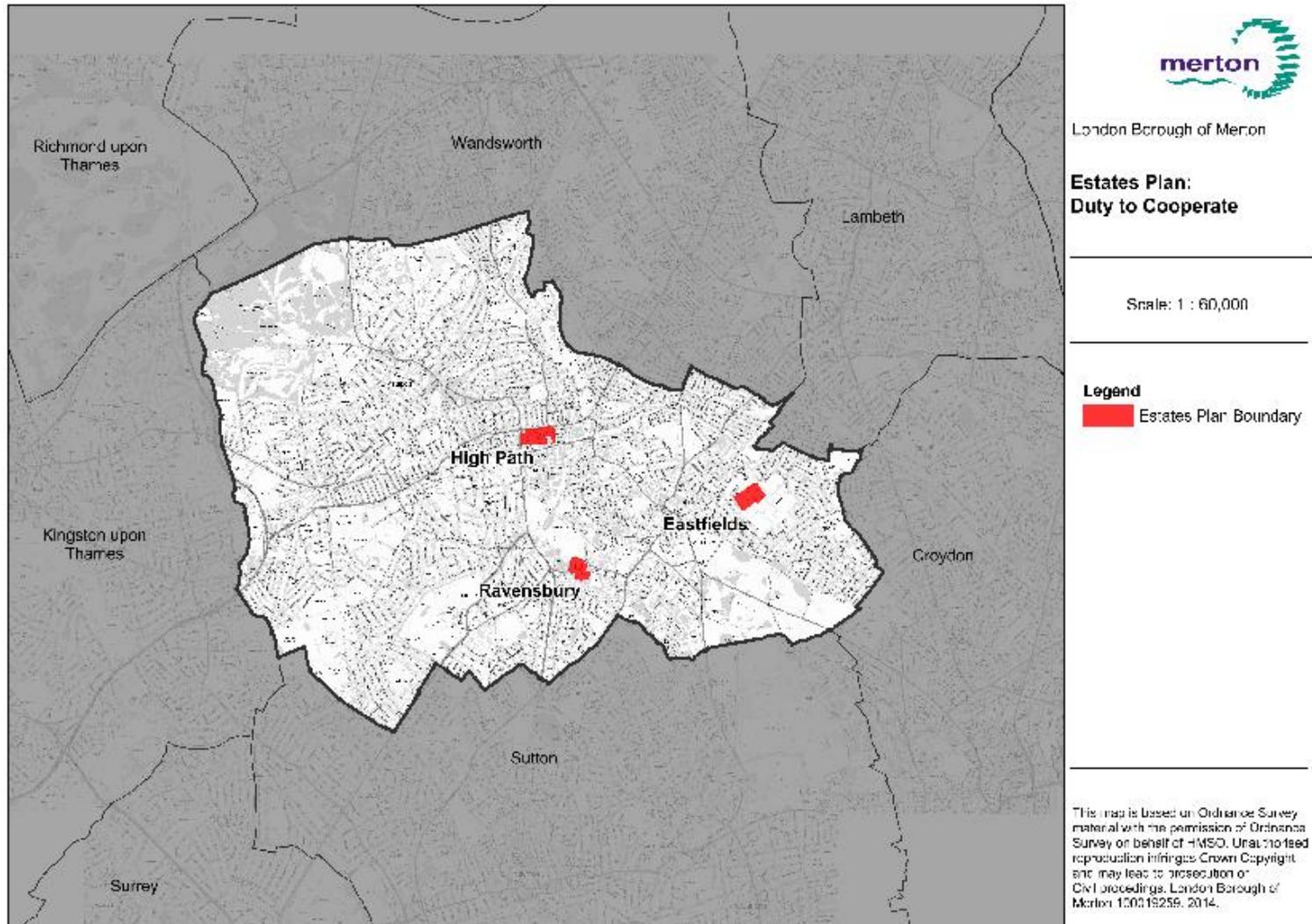
- 6.1** A strong collaborative approach has been taken reflecting the nature of the Plan. The council considers that the Plan reflects the views of the relevant bodies and local communities and the outcomes of these different processes and activities.
- 6.2** The council has not received any objections to the Plan concerning the duty to co- operate (to date), and the council's view is that the duty to co-operate is being fulfilled in accordance with the Localism Act 2011.
- 6.3** A great deal of co-operation and engagement has also been undertaken as part of the preparation of the wider Local Plan and other strategies all of which has influenced and informed the Estates Local Plan.
- 6.4** As the borough is part of the Greater London Authority (GLA), the practise and culture of co-operating and partnership working on strategic matters has been a long standing practise for a number of years for the borough before the Duty to Co-operate came into force across England.
- 6.5** It is widely recognised that co-operation in London is an essential and effective way of working for London boroughs. This practise applies not only to London boroughs but also infrastructure providers/organisations, environmental bodies/organisations, voluntary

sectors and other key stakeholders.

- 6.6** The process of co-operation will not end once the Plan has been adopted. The effectiveness of the Plan's delivery of Merton's Local Plan strategy vision, objectives and policies will be subject to on going monitoring and reviews by way of the annual Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) which can be found on the council's website. [www.merton.gov.uk/annualmonitoring](http://www.merton.gov.uk/annualmonitoring)
- 6.7** The council considers that the Plan has been subject to effective co-operation through constructive, active and on-going engagement with relevant authorities and bodies that have an interest in the Plan in accordance with the Localism Act 2011.
- 6.8** The council considers that it has fully filled the requirements of Duty to Co-operate as set out with the Section 110 of the Localism Act 2011 inserts section 33A and section 20(5) (c) into the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

## 7 Appendix A

**Figure 3:** Merton's neighbouring boroughs and the three estates



## Appendix B

Figure 4: Schedule of Duty to co-operate meetings

Body/organisation	Meetings
TfL	20 July 2014
Clarion Housing Group	2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2014, Merton Civic Centre, SM4 5DX
London Borough of Lambeth	12 November 2014 (telephone)
London borough of Wandsworth	24 November 2014 Disraeli House, 90 Putney Bridge Road.
Greater London Authority (GLA)	20th September at City Hall, London.

## Appendix C – Duty to Cooperate Agendas

**Figure 5:** London borough of Merton (LBM) and Sutton (LBS) – Duty to Cooperate meeting 4<sup>th</sup> August 2016.

Strategic Issue	Discussion	Outcome
Local Plan making	LBM producing Estates Local Plan and potentially Local Plans covering Morden Housing Zone and Wimbledon town centre, might be a borough-wide local plan. Sutton revising Local Plan in its entirety Both have received Kingston's Direction of Travel	Boroughs to keep in touch. Given distance from borough boundary and low levels of long term development, no immediate co-operation issues identified for Merton's Estates Local Plan
Housing need and supply	LBS are expecting its SHLAA will show a maximum deliverable rate of around 425 homes per year. This is below the need figures which are slightly below or above 1,000 per year depending on forecast. LBM has a London Plan target of 411 homes per year.	LBS's unmet need will be met through the London Plan housing target system which apportions unmet need to other boroughs with more deliverable sites.
Industrial Land Provision	LBS have a very low vacancy rate for industrial land is proposing to increase job density levels within its SILs. It has considered MOL de-designation as well. LBM's industrial estates are very well-occupied and LBM is to lose a significant amount of industrial land at Plough Lane/Durnsford Road as a result of Crossrail 2 safeguarding.	LBM would support any efforts by LBS to provide more industrial employment opportunities
Retail Provision	LBS are proposing an increase of approximately 35,000sqm gross of retail and food and beverage floorspace in Sutton Town Centre. In LBM, some sites in Wimbledon Town Centre are on pause due to Crossrail 2 safeguarding. Wimbledon does not compete with Sutton as it attracts a different type of shopper and the centres are distant in public transport terms.	LBM has no concerns with the proposed floorspace increase in Sutton Town Centre.
Leisure Provision	No issues	No action necessary
Office Provision	LBS is proposing an increase of approximately 23,000sqm of office floorspace and sees the potential growth coming in (a) HQs for medium-sized companies or small business "courtyard" developments; or (b) the whole need being taken by the London Cancer Hub; or (c) both. LBM has seen a significant amount of speculative office floorspace	Both authorities seem to be trying to attract the same type of office development. However, it is likely that the difference in rents will mean that Sutton and Wimbledon will not be competing for the same companies.

	development in Wimbledon Town Centre as a result of the Crossrail 2 development. This floorspace is aimed at the one site-single company arrangement as opposed to office blocks with different companies on different floors. Rents in Wimbledon are as high as Victoria.	
Waste Management	Out of scope	No action necessary
Transport (excluding Tramlink)	Crossrail 2 is safeguarding a significant amount of land, including large parts of Wimbledon Town Centre. LBM has constructed a large cycle path at Croydon Road, Mitcham. LBS are undertaking improvement works on Beddington Lane, Mitcham.	LBS officers to speak to their regeneration officers to ensure the two schemes join up.
Flood Risk	LBS and LBM undertook a joint SFRA	Evidence base is complementary
Utilities	No issues	No action necessary
Health Facilities	Both LBS and LBM support the continuation of St Helier Hospital at its current site. LBS are proposing a new GP practice at Hackbridge. LBM is proposing a Local Care Centre at the Wilson Hospital, Mitcham	Proposals for new health facilities are complementary in border areas.
Community Facilities	No issues	No action necessary
Climate Change and Adaptation	LBS largely follows London Plan policy RBK largely follows London Plan policy	LBS and LBM's policies are complementary
Open Space	LBS work with the Wandle Trust closely. LBM works with the Wandle Trust	Aims for the River Wandle are complementary as a result of working with the Wandle Trust
Nature Conservation	LBM requested that LBS send details SINC, Green Corridors and Green Chains to ensure nature conservation designations are aligned.	LBS to send SINC and Green Corridor maps
Heritage	No issues	No action necessary
Education	LBS is proposing to meet its own need within its own boundaries, as far as it has the power to do so, with three new secondary and three new primary schools LBM is proposing to meet its own need within its own boundaries. It has no primary school need and will announce a secondary school site shortly.	LBS and LBM's policies are complementary
Care Homes	LBS are proposing to limit care homes. LBM has not compiled any evidence on this	No action necessary

Sutton One Housing Zone	No issues	No action necessary
Sutton Town Centre	See above	No action necessary
Tramlink	LBS support Tramlink to Sutton and from there to the London Cancer Hub. LBM supports Tramlink in principle but is worried that there may be funding gap due to the lack of developable sites along the LBM part of the route. LBM, like LBS, strongly supports Metroisation, particularly along the Wimbledon Loop.	LBS and LBM's aims are complementary.
London Cancer Hub	Not relevant	No action necessary
Wandle Valley Renewal	LBS are proposing a number of initiatives to improve the Wandle Valley renewal. LBM is supportive of the initiatives	No action necessary
Gypsies and Travellers	LBS is proposing to meet its own immediate need with a new site or an extension to the existing site LBM is proposing a sub-regional meeting on Gypsies and Travellers. LBS support this.	LBM to arrange a sub-regional meeting
Burial Space	According to the Audit of London Burial Provision, LBS have 30+ years provision. However LBS consider it has a bigger supply. According to the Audit of London Burial Provision, LBM has approx. 60 years provision. Nevertheless, LBS are safeguarding an extension in Sutton to a Merton cemetery.	LBM and LBS have significant burial space provision and have safeguarded further.

## **Transport for London (TfL) - LIP catch up meeting Merton 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2016**

### **Attendees:**

Richard Lancaster (LB Merton)

Chris Chowns (LB Merton)

Mitra Dubet (LB Merton)

Peter McBride (TfL Borough Projects and Programmes)

Katharina Kroeger (TfL Borough Projects and Programmes)

### **AGENDA**

#### **14:00-15:00:**

Site visit – Merton High Street / South Wimbledon – meet Richard at Colliers Wood tube station.

#### **15:00-16:30:**

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Local elections
3. 2014/15 LIP programme: matters arising, risks and issues
4. Cycling programmes
5. Other programmes and initiatives, e.g. Mayor's Air Quality Fund
6. LIP guidance
7. Scheme auditing - one 13/14 scheme per borough to be audited
8. AOB: including:
  - Major Scheme funding and assistance (early September 2014)
  - Proforma C
  - TADS
  - Freight project

## **PLANNING MEETING FOR GYPSIES & TRAVELLERS**

Date: 12<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Time: 2:00pm – 3:30pm

Venue: Morden Civic Centre, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor Meeting Room 1

### **Attendees**

Tara Butler – Merton Planning

Joanne Capper – Richmond Planning

Angela Chu – Merton Housing

Duncan Clarke – Sutton Planning

Dominick Mennie – Croydon Planning

Valerie Mowah – Merton Planning

Tammy Philips – Lambeth Planning

Tom Tyson – Lambeth Housing

### **Apologies**

Trevor Hart – Sutton Housing

Tal Kleiman – Kingston Planning

### **AGENDA**

1. Introduction
2. Current Situation
  - Authorised public and private sites
  - Any informal settlements
  - Unauthorised encampments in the last 2 years
  - Number on site waiting list
  - Latest accommodation needs assessment
3. Plans for Reviewing Evidence Base
4. Cooperation Issues - Opportunities Problems
5. Any Other Business