

FutureMerton
London Borough of Merton
Civic Centre
London Road
Morden, SM4 5DX

Re. LBM Stage 3: New Local Plan and Policies Map
Comments for consideration by the Independent Planning Inspector

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would be grateful if you could forward for consideration by the Independent Planning Inspector the following comments:

Chapter 01A Introduction

Paragraph

1.1.3 I would be grateful to be invited to attend any examination hearings on Merton's new Local Plan and Policies Maps.

1.1.21 I would ask the Inspector to consider requesting the LBM to publish in a simple reading format schedule the proposed policies and Policies Map changes being introduced in the new Local Plan correlated to the policies and Policies Map of the existing adopted Local Plan.

It is difficult for the residents to trace back the proposed changes to the original adopted policies. This document should be published for scrutiny before the new Local Plan is adopted.

Chapter 09. Wimbledon

Under Place Profile: Wimbledon, page 263, the text is referenced to Merton's **Borough Character Study 2021**.

This document in its Adoption Statement dated 22 June 2021 is still subject to a Period of Challenge and subject to review by the Inspector.

In its Chapter F: Wimbledon, page 65, **WIMBLEDON PARK Distinctiveness – heritage and key features**, the text in this section does not reflect the character of this area, i.e. "A largely non-residential neighbourhood area...etc".

Under **key issues / opportunities**, the text refers to "A masterplan for the All England Lawn Tennis Club is currently underway", a document that has not been properly considered by LBM nor scrutinised by local residents.

As the Borough Character Study 2021 is a key document informing the justification for the inclusion of Site Wi3 in the Site Allocations for Policy Wimbledon N9.1, I would request the Inspector to ask LBM to review and re-write the Study as appropriate to comply with NPPF policies, London Plan policies, and to the other policies at the heart of the new Local Plan dealing with the Historic Heritage of the Wimbledon Park area, or alternatively, ask for the withdrawal of Site Wi3 of the Site Allocations altogether.

Yours faithfully

M Avendano