

New Local Plan Publication Stage 3

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To: Future Merton <Future.Merton@merton.gov.uk>

Dear Sirs,

Comments on Merton's New Local Plan policies, site allocations or land designations which we would like the inspector to consider at their Examination in Public:

CPRE London is a membership-based charity with 2500 members across London concerned with the protection and enhancement of London's green spaces for the benefit of all Londoners.

We would like the inspector to consider the following at their independent examination of the plan:

There are contradictions and inconsistencies relating to Wimbledon Park which make the policies unimplementable and therefore the Plan unsound – reference [09 Wimbledon Merton Local Plan Reg19 July21.pdf](#) Wimbledon: Policy N9.1 – Surrounding Neighbourhoods Policy N9.1 q and Site Allocation Wi3

1. Proposals for the All England Lawn Tennis Club (AELTC) promote the development of Wimbledon Park but this site is protected Metropolitan Open Land so cannot be developed. The Plan contains no proposal to remove the MOL status – which would of course require substantial justification.
2. The inclusion of Wimbledon Park in the Site Allocation introduces a presumption of development, contrary to the MOL protection, and is inappropriate. Any reference to expansion into, or development of, the park, should be excluded from references to proposals relating to the All England Lawn Tennis Club. Wimbledon Park should be excluded from any maps relating to Site Allocations or proposals for the AELTC, to ensure consistency with the MOL designation.

Please note there are important inconsistencies with the maps and commentary. These are explained eloquently in the Wimbledon Park Residents' Association submission to which I would refer you.

I would be grateful if you ensure these comments are passed to the inspector.

Kindly acknowledge safe receipt of these comments.

Yours faithfully

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