

## EXAMINATION OF THE MERTON LOCAL PLAN

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### Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation and Areas of Deficiency

1. In the Stage 2 hearing sessions held in October 2022, the Council committed to produce an update on the Borough's Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation and Areas of Deficiency in Access to Nature. To this end, a Topic Paper has been produced, and is available on the Examination Website (Document Reference: 'LBM20 - Topic Paper on Areas of Deficiency in Access to Nature – November 2022'). The Topic Paper sets out proposed modifications which the Council considers to be necessary to ensure the soundness of the Local Plan, along with its rationale for these.
2. We indicated at the hearings that due to the nature of the Topic Paper's contents, and the timing of its publication, we would be willing to accept written representations on it. Consequently, if any examination participants wish to submit written comments on this specific matter they may do so, submitting any representations to the Programme Officer by no later than close of business on **Friday 9 December**. Any comments received will be published on the examination website in the usual way.

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