



## Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities

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Our ref: PCU/A4D/T5720/3311549

Date: 23rd December, 2022

Dear Ms Butler

### **The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 – Merton Council.**

**Article 4 Direction (with immediate effect) - withdrawal of permitted development rights for development consisting of a change of use of a building and any land within its curtilage from a use falling within Class C3 (Dwelling Houses) to a use falling within Class C4 (Houses in Multiple Occupation) – Colliers Wood, Cricket Green, Figge's Marsh, Graveney, Lavender Fields, Longthornton, and Pollard Hill wards, within London Borough of Merton.**

I refer to your council's email of 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022, with attachments, notifying the Secretary of State about an Article 4 direction made on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

The Article 4 Direction has been passed to the policy team for further assessment. They will consider whether the Direction fulfils national policy set out in Paragraph 53 of the National Planning Policy Framework on the use of Article 4 directions, and whether there is cause for the Secretary of State to use his powers of intervention under Schedule 3, Paragraph 1(13) of the 2015 Order.

We are grateful to the council for the material already provided to support its decision to make this Direction. We or the policy team will be in contact if we require any additional evidence to assist with our assessment of the Article 4 direction and will inform you in writing of the Secretary of State's decision in due course. **Please do not assume that**

**the Article 4 direction has met the policy tests until you are notified by the Department.**

In order to aid the assessment of this Article 4 direction, we request that the council provides a map showing the extent of the Article 4 direction under consideration in a digital format: preferably as a Shapefile (.shp). It would also be helpful, if you have not already done so, if you could send us a link to your evidence setting out the justification for the Article 4 direction. We would request that this mapping data and link be submitted within 14 days to [pcu@levellingup.gov.uk](mailto:pcu@levellingup.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely,



**Planning Casework Support Officer**