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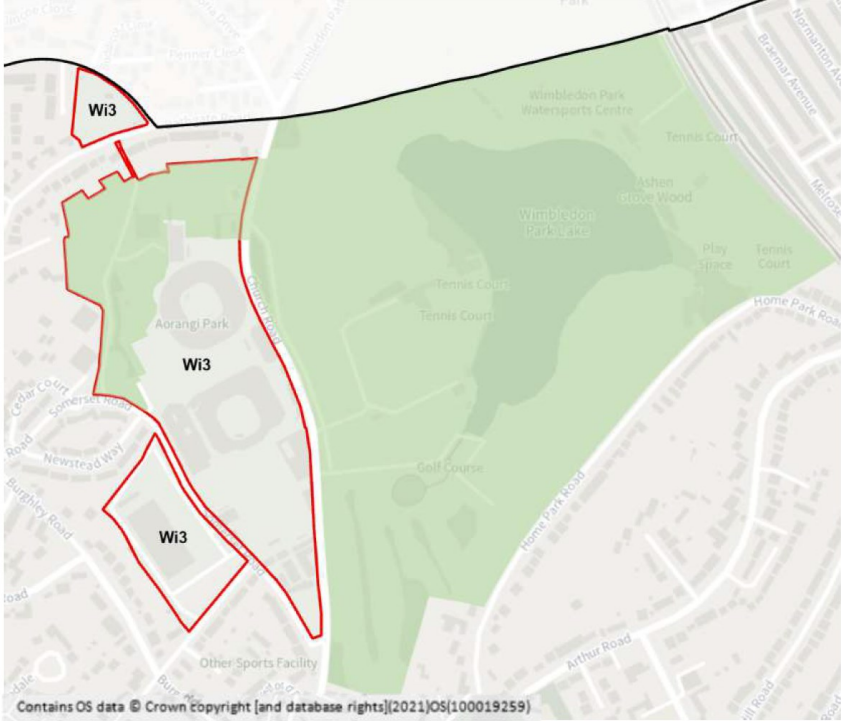
Further Main Modification Consultation – Sustainability appraisal and habitats regulations assessment (July 2024)

1. The Inspectors' cover note on Further Main Modifications (INSP30) requires the council to consult for four weeks on a drafting error identified in relation to Main Modification 114 in the council's post hearings consultation that ended in March 2024. The drafting error meant that the map relating to Site Allocation Wi3 found in Document [LMB29](#) was incorrect in relation to showing the extent of Metropolitan Open Land. The same map was correct in another main modification in LBM29, in [LBM31 \(page 309\)](#) and the [Merton's online digital policies map](#)
2. Consequentially, the council has considered and updated MM114. This document sets out the sustainability appraisal and habitats regulations assessment relating to MM114 on site allocation Wi3.
3. Please see [Merton's Local Plan examination library](#) for the consultation documents (LBM41 and LBM42).
4. This document updating the sustainability appraisal and habitats regulations assessment has been prepared in an appropriate and proportionate way to the correction of this drafting error. For the full sustainability appraisal including the details of the objectives and other policies, please see [sustainability appraisal \(Document LBM32\)](#), and the [habitats regulations assessment \(Document LBM33 dated January 2024\)](#)
5. The Planning Inspectors will consider comments on these documents only and not on any other aspects of the Local Plan. If you have any comments, please write to the London Borough of Merton's Local Plan team at future.merton@merton.gov.uk or Local Plan, 9th floor Merton Civic Centre, London Road, Morden, SM4 5DX by 23.59pm on Monday 5th August 2024.

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Main Modification	Sustainability Objectives – please see LBM32 linked here for full details of the sustainability appraisal objectives and process																							
	The effect of the policy																							
	SO1	SO2	SO3	SO4	SO5	SO6	SO7	SO8	SO9	SO10	SO11	SO12	SO13	SO14	SO15	SO16	SO17	SO18	SO19	SO20	SO21	SO22	Temporary /Permanent	Short/medium /Long term
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<p>MM114: site allocation Wi3:</p> <p>Proposed change the site boundary (excluding Wimbledon Park and maintaining MOL boundary)</p>	<p>The All England Lawn Tennis Club’s main grounds lie to the west of Wimbledon Park across Church Road. It hosts the Wimbledon Championships each summer, receiving approximately 500,000 visitors, and is the borough’s largest and best known visitor attraction. During the rest of the year it operates as a tennis club and approximately 100,000 visitors attend the Wimbledon Museum and tours (<i>map shows new proposed site allocation</i>)</p> <p>The Metropolitan Open Land boundary is unchanged in Site Allocation Wi3 compared to the adopted 2014 Local Plan</p> 																							
Consideration of reasonable alternative approaches	<p>The alternative approach of having a site allocation boundary for the All England Lawn Tennis Club landholdings on either side of Church Road was consulted on during the Local Plan process and explored at the examination in public. In their post hearing letter (received April 2023) the Planning Inspectors wrote to the council that they consider the alternative approach as unsound and that the approach of creating a policy for Wimbledon Park (Merton Council as Local Planning Authority) should be considered and that the Metropolitan Open Land boundary on site allocation Wi3 should be unchanged. Another alternative approach of having a policy that covers the whole Grade II* Registered Park and Garden has not been taken forward as a part of the site lies within the London Borough of Wandsworth’s planning authority so cannot be included in Merton’s local plan.</p>																							
Cumulative impact	<p>This site allocation complements the Plan’s infrastructure and sport and recreation policies (policy IN14.3 sport and recreation), as well as its economic and local employment policies (policy EC13.1 promoting economic growth and successful high streets, EC13.4 Local employment opportunities) by supporting the well-known international sporting event at the Wimbledon Championships and hosting c100,000 visitors all year round. Additionally, the site allocation complements historic environment policies and green and blue infrastructure policies for example strategic policy O15.1: Open Space, Green Infrastructure and Nature Conservation</p> <p>Potential cumulative effects of implementing the policy: None identified.</p>																							

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Mod Ref.	Page	Plan Ref.	Proposed Changes	Reason	Implications for 2021 HRA findings
MM114	282	Site Allocation Wi3	<p>(Replace site allocation map with the following:)</p> 	To ensure that the policy is justified and effective.	<p>No change to HRA findings.</p> <p>No 'likely significant effects'</p>

Please see [LBM33](#) for more details of Merton's Habitats Regulations Assessment of the Local Plan.