

Inspectors' Matters, Issues and Questions – 3 August 2022

Matter 11: Green and Blue Infrastructure

Issue (i): Is the Plan sufficiently positively prepared, effective, and consistent with both the London Plan and national policy in its approach to green and blue infrastructure?

Q1. The Open Space Study was prepared in 2019. Are the proposed MMs now recommended having regard to its findings necessary for soundness?

Council response:

11.1 Yes, the council considers that its approach to green and blue infrastructure is positively prepared, effective and consistent with the London Plan and national policy. The proposed modifications in relation to the Policies Maps for Open Space, Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINCs) and Green Corridors are necessary for soundness, as set out below.

11.2 London Plan ([Document 0D32](#)) Policy G4(A)(2) states that “*Development Plans should include appropriate designations and policies for the protection of open space to meet needs and address deficiencies.*”

11.3 Policy O15.2 and the supporting text set out the council's policies relating to open space and green infrastructure, also providing references to the Policies Maps.

11.4 The Green Infrastructure Study ([Document 15D1](#)) was prepared over 2019/20 and finalised and published in 2020. It includes a review of the environmental policy map designations in the borough, including open spaces, SINCs and green corridors. The sites were assessed using a methodology and set of criteria, the details of which are set out in the document. The Study provided the council with a number of recommended changes to the Policies Maps.

11.5 After the Study was published, the council continued to review sites throughout the Local Plan process, including those that were highlighted in consultation responses. This was to ensure that the policies and policies maps remained as up

to date as possible. All sites were assessed and determined using the criteria set out in the Green Infrastructure Study, to ensure continuity.

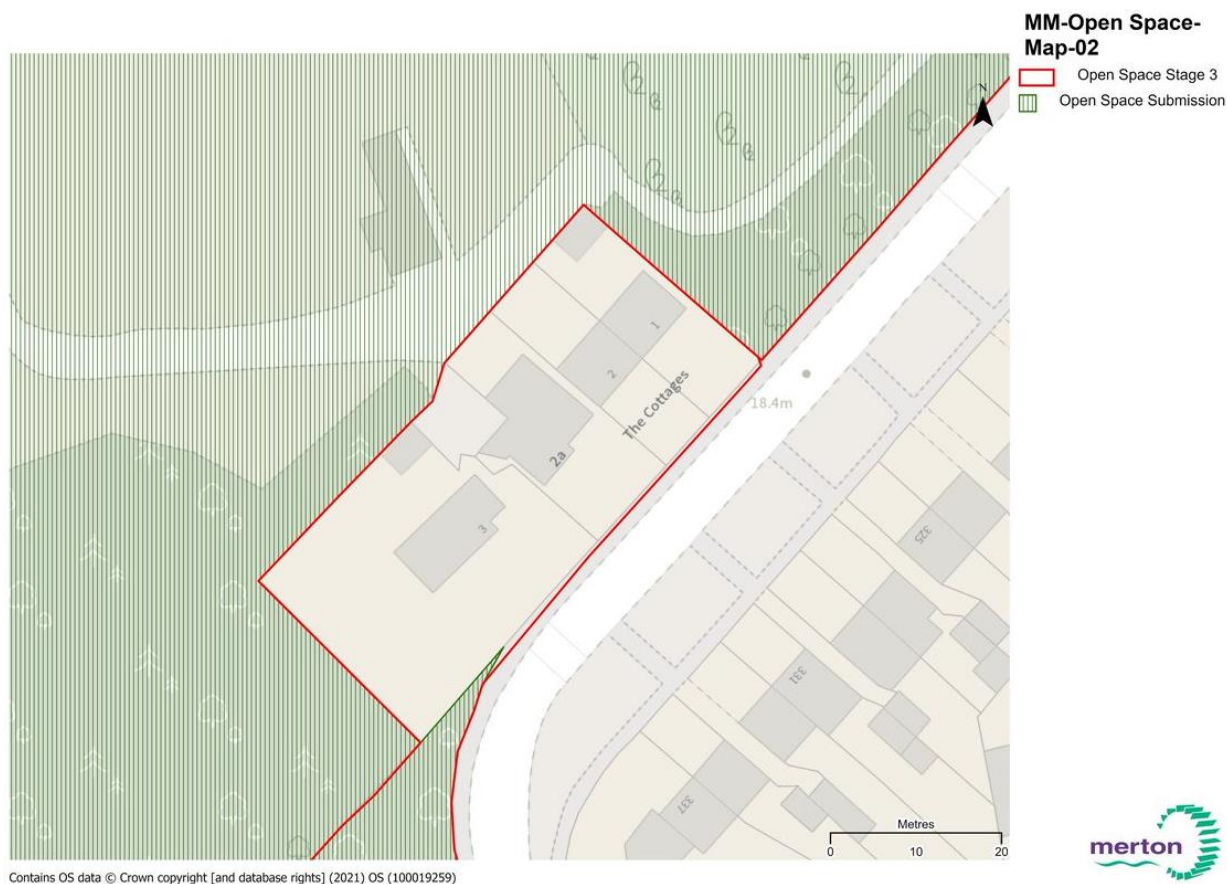
11.6 The proposed modifications, as set out below, are necessary to ensure the Local Plan is justified. Please note that as Metropolitan Open Land (MOL) was previously discussed in detail as Matter 5 in the Stage 1 hearings, any proposed modifications relating to MOL are not mentioned here.

11.7 In conclusion, the council considers that these modifications to the Policies Maps ([Document 0D2](#)) are necessary for a number of reasons including accuracy, to align with approved planning applications, as agreed with landowners, to conform with the London Plan and ultimately, to ensure the Local Plan is justified.

Proposed modifications:

Open Space Policy Map

Site	Modification
1, 2, 2a, 3 The Cottages, Lower Morden Lane SM4 4NU	<p>Remove four residential properties from Open Space (M074 Merton & Sutton Joint Cemetery Surrounds).</p> <p>This site contains four residential properties which do not form part of, and are not ancillary to, the adjoining cemetery, which is designated as the open space. These properties do not meet the open space criteria set out in the Merton Green Infrastructure Study 2020. These sites were reviewed by officers following a query from a resident looking to purchase one of the properties.</p> <p>The council considers that the inclusion of these four properties within the open space Policy Map designation is an anomaly, and this modification proposes removal. This modification ensures that the Local Plan is 'justified'.</p> <p>Refer to map below.</p>

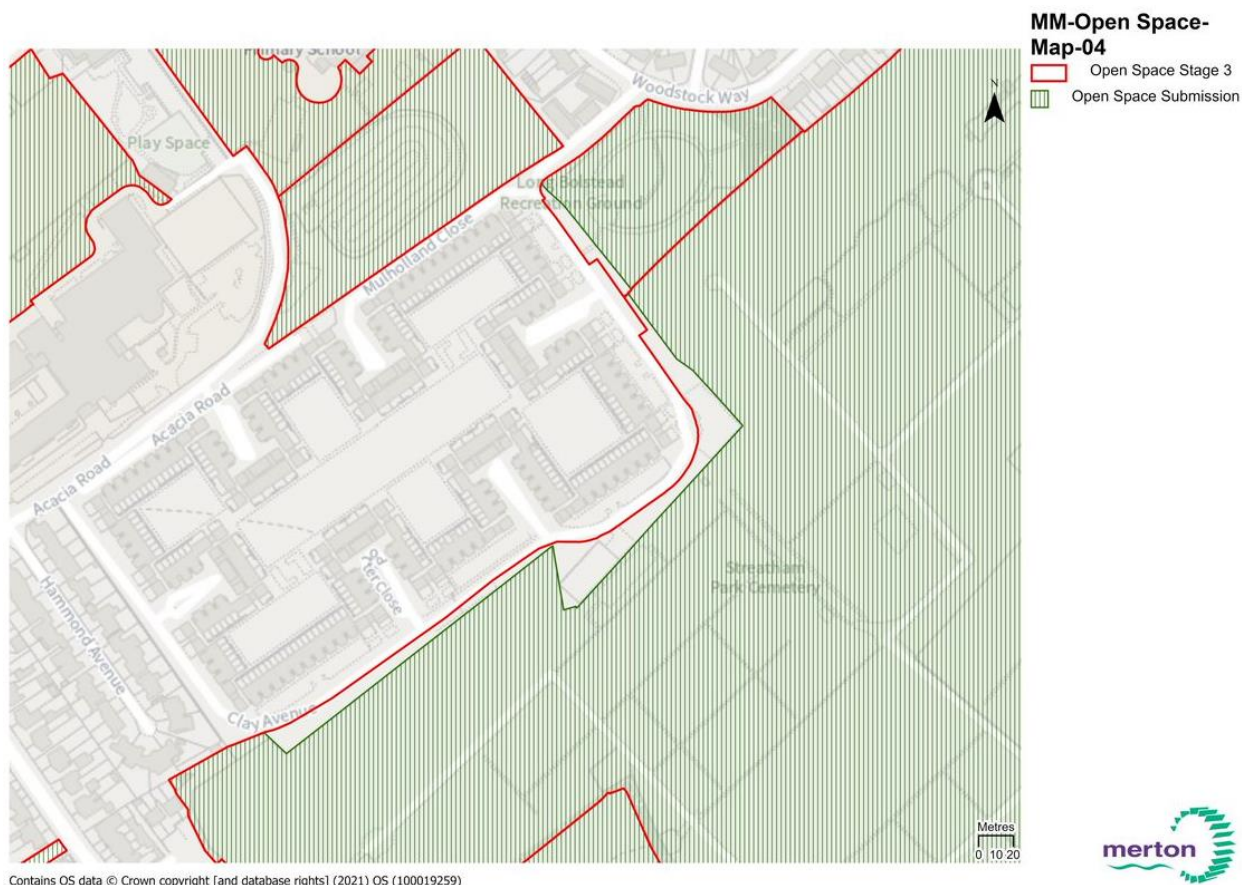


Site	Modification
Part of the Tooting and Mitcham Hub site, Bishopsford Road, Morden SM4 6BF	<p>Remove part of the Tooting and Mitcham Hub site from Open Space (P028 Imperial club sports ground).</p> <p>This site has secured planning permission through Planning Application 19/P4094, for 'Erection of a 4-6 storey residential apartment block, comprising 77 new homes together with associated car parking and landscaping'. Permission was granted, with a signed Section 106 agreement, on 22 December 2021.</p> <p>The council considers that the removal of this site from the open space Policy Map designation is necessary to ensure that the Local Plan is 'justified'. This modification will also ensure that the open space boundary aligns with the new MOL boundary for the site.</p> <p>Refer to map below.</p>



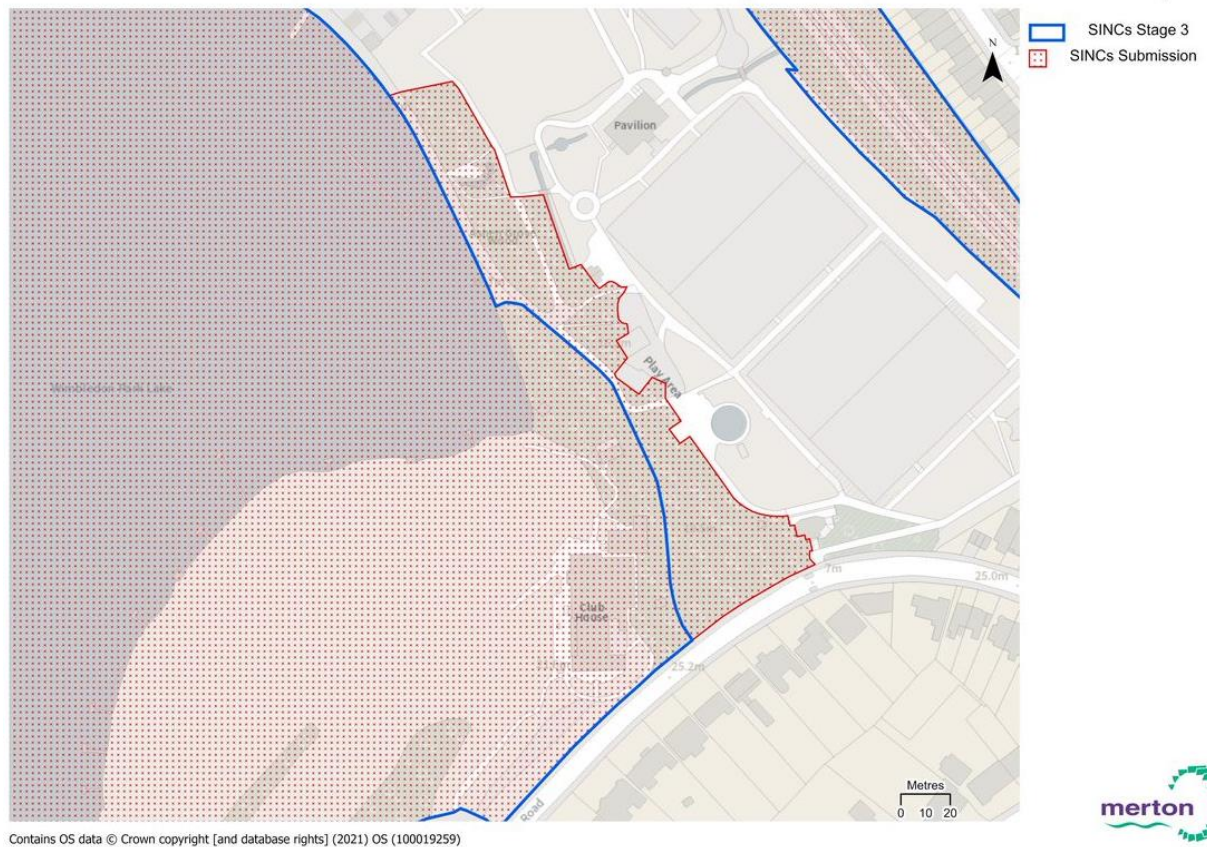
Site	Modification
Part of the Eastfields Estate, Acacia Road, Mitcham CR4 1SS.	<p>Remove part of Eastfields Estate from Open Space (C004 Streatham Park Cemetery).</p> <p>This modification is required to align with the approved planning application 17/P1717. This change was highlighted by Clarion Housing Group through their response to the Stage 3 Local Plan consultation.</p> <p>The council considers that the removal of this part of the site from the open space Policy Map designation is necessary to ensure that the Local Plan is 'justified'.</p> <p>Refer to map below.</p>

Site	Modification
Part of the Eastfields Estate, Acacia Road, Mitcham CR4 1SS.	<p>Remove part of the Eastfields Estate from Open Space (M060 Long Bolstead Recreation Ground).</p> <p>This modification is required to align with the approved planning application 17/P1717. This change was identified by officers following the Clarion Housing Group response to the Stage 3 Local Plan consultation.</p> <p>The council considers that the removal of this part of the site from the open space Policy Map designation is necessary to ensure that the Local Plan is 'justified'.</p> <p>Refer to map below.</p>

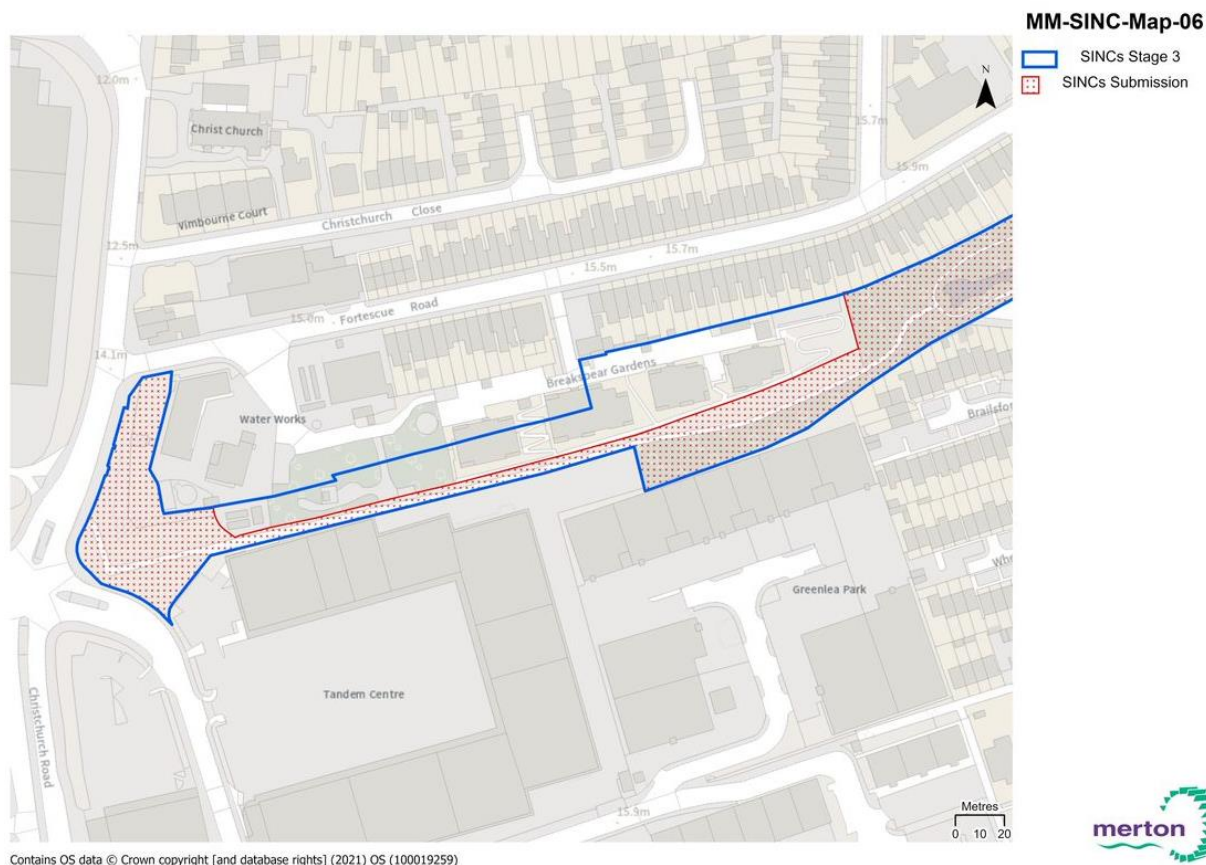


SINC Policy Map

Site	Modification
Part of Wimbledon Park, SW19.	<p>Extension of the Wimbledon Park SINC (Wimbledon Park – Merton Section MeBII02).</p> <p>The modification was highlighted by D. Dawson in his response to the Stage 3 Local Plan. It was then reviewed and confirmed by an ecologist in the council's Greenspaces team. As part of the recent Wimbledon Park Lake project this land has been extensively surveyed and it holds nature conservation interest in line with the SINC designation. It is considered that the site was excluded in error in the 2014 Plan.</p> <p>The council considers that the extension of this part of Wimbledon Park in the SINC Policy Map designation is necessary to ensure that the Local Plan is accurate and 'justified'.</p> <p>Refer to map below.</p>



Site	Modification
Part of Breakspear Gardens, Colliers Wood, SW19 2FP.	<p>Removal of part of Breakspear Gardens from Myrna Close Valley SINC (MeBII10).</p> <p>This modification is required to align with the approved Planning Application 16/P3430 to reflect the residential properties that have been built and the new ecology area created on site.</p> <p>The site was reviewed by officers prior to Stage 2a consultation, however it was left off the published map due to a GIS error.</p> <p>The council considers that the removal of this part of the site from the SINC Policy Map designation is necessary to ensure that the Local Plan is 'justified'.</p> <p>Refer to map below.</p>



Green Corridor Policy Map

Site	Modification
Thames Water Wandle Valley sewage pumping station site, Byegrove Road, Colliers Wood SW19 2AZ.	<p>Remove the Thames Water Byegrove Road site from Green Corridor (GC19 Ridge Road to Wimbledon Park).</p> <p>This modification has been agreed between the council and Thames Water, following on from meetings held in response to Thames Water submissions to the Local Plan consultations (including Stage 3). These discussions, and the provision of up to date site photos, have resulted in an agree position that the Byegrove Road site does not meet the green corridor criteria and therefore should be removed from the Policies Map. The removal does not adversely impact on the wider green corridor network along the River Wandle.</p> <p>The council considers the removal of this site from the Green Corridor Policy Map is necessary to ensure that the Local Plan is 'justified'.</p> <p>Refer to map below.</p>



Q2. Subject to the Council's proposed MMs, are the requirements for the provision of green infrastructure in development set out in Policy O15.2 consistent with national policy and justified?

Council response:

- 11.8 Yes, the requirement for the provision of green infrastructure as part of new developments set out in Policy O15.2, is justified and is consistent with both the London Plan and national policy.
- 11.9 The Local Plan definition of Green Infrastructure is the same as that in the London Plan. However, both these definitions differ to the one set out in the NPPF. The NPPF definition looks at the overarching benefits of green infrastructure, whereas the London Plan definition provides a more detailed description and is considered more appropriate for use in the Local Plan.
- 11.10 Policy O15.2(e) sets out that development will be expected *to incorporate and maintain appropriate elements of Green Infrastructure which makes a positive contribution to the wider network of Open Spaces*. This aligns with London Plan Policy G1(D) ([Document 0D32](#)).

- 11.11 The supporting text in paragraph 15.2.16 also aligns with NPPF ([Document 0D20](#)) paragraph 92 and the NPPG (paragraph 006 Natural Environment)([Document 0D23](#)), by identifying that “*development will be expected to incorporate elements of Green Infrastructure on site, to enhance biodiversity, contribute to the health and wellbeing of all residents and help mitigate the impacts of climate change.*”
- 11.12 As recognised in the NPPF, London Plan and the Green Infrastructure Study ([Document 15D1](#)), the provision of green infrastructure as part of new development can bring forward a range of benefits including enhanced wellbeing, outdoor recreation and access, enhanced biodiversity and landscapes, urban cooling and managing flood risk. Given these benefits, and the significance of the actions set out in the council’s Climate Strategy and Action Plan ([Document 2D1](#)), the requirement for new development to provide green infrastructure is appropriate and justified.
- 11.13 It should be noted that there are no proposed main modifications to Policy O15.2. An additional modification is proposed which makes it clear (through the use of capital letters) that the term ‘Green Infrastructure’ where used throughout the Plan is defined in the Local Plan Glossary.
- 11.14 For the reasons set out above, the council considers that Policy O15.2 is consistent with national and London policies and is justified.

Q3. Are boundaries of open spaces identified in the plan, including any changes from the adopted plan, justified?

Council response:

- 11.15 Yes, the open space sites and boundaries, as illustrated on the Policies Map ‘Open Space’ ([Document 0D2](#)) and listed in the Appendices to the Plan (0D1), are justified, for the reasons set out below.
- 11.16 The Green Infrastructure Study 2020 ([Document 15D1](#)) provides a robust and up to date assessment of open spaces throughout the borough, in line with

NPPF paragraph 98 ([Document 0D20](#)) and London Plan Policy G4 ([Document 0D32](#)).

- 11.17 The work undertaken as part of the Green Infrastructure Study 2020 ([Document 15D1](#)) included a review of the environmental policy map designations in the borough, including open space sites. The methodology and criteria used for these assessments is set out in the Study. The Study provided the council with a number of recommended changes to the Policies Maps ([Document 0D2](#)).
- 11.18 After the Study was published, the council continued to review sites throughout the Local Plan process, including those that were highlighted in consultation responses. This was to ensure that the draft policies and maps remained as up to date as possible and based on the most recent information available (for example, planning applications that were approved after the sites were assessed in the Green Infrastructure Study). All sites were assessed and determined using the criteria set out in the Green Infrastructure Study, to ensure continuity.
- 11.19 The final recommendations taken forward in the Policies Map ([Document 0D2](#)) are therefore based on both the Green Infrastructure Study and subsequent council reviews (refer to Appendix 11.1). The majority of changes to the open space policy maps are where the site has been physically changed through an approved planning permission, and therefore no longer meets the open space criteria.
- 11.20 The proposed amendments to the open space boundaries are based on proportionate and up to date evidence and have been subject to consultation through the Plan's staged process.
- 11.21 All open space policy map designations are clearly illustrated on the Policies Maps ([Document 0D2](#)) and are listed in Chapter 17 Appendices to the Local Plan ([Document 0D1](#)).
- 11.22 There are four modifications proposed to the open space policy maps. These are set out in further detail above in response the Question 1.

Proposed modifications:

Refer to the first four modifications set out in response to Question 1 above.

Q4. Are the boundaries of the Wandle Valley Regional Park, as identified in the Plan, justified? What significance does any greater coverage shown in the All London Green Grid have?

Council response:

- 11.23 Yes, the boundaries of the Wandle Valley Regional Park (WVRP), as illustrated on the Policies Map ([Document 0D2](#)) are justified, for the reasons set out below.
- 11.24 The WVRP boundary was initially considered as part of the Merton Sites and Policies Plan examination in 2014. The boundary was agreed by a cross-borough steering group that existed at the time, and the WVRP Trust, with the rationale for the boundary set out in the [Stage 3 draft of the 2014 Plan](#).
- 11.25 As the park boundary shown in the [All London Green Grid](#) (ALGG) was drawn to a relatively large scale across four borough boundaries (see Image 11.1 below), further work was carried out by the cross-borough steering group to agree the specific sites in each borough.
- 11.26 The [WVRP Trust Strategy 2016-2021](#) states on page 8 that: “*The proposed Regional Park is identified in the Mayor’s London Plan, Supplementary Planning Guidance in the form of the All London Green Grid Area Framework 8 and the four local authorities’ Local Plans.*”
- 11.27 We have not received any correspondence from the WVRP Trust through this Local Plan process and are not aware of any meetings of the Trust that have taken place recently. The last meeting referred to on the [WVRP Trust website](#) is January 2019.
- 11.28 As stated in paragraph 15.6.4 of Chapter 15 of the Plan, the WVRP consists of a green grid of connected spaces, with visual or physical links to the current or historic route of the River Wandle. Given that the River Wandle runs through a

large area of the borough, there are a high number of open spaces within close proximity. However, not all of these are included within the WVRP boundary, as they do not have these visual or physical links.

- 11.29 While the [All London Green Grid](#) (ALGG) SPG was published in 2012, the London Plan (para 8.1.3)([Document 0D32](#)) makes reference to a review and update of this SPG, to provide guidance on the strategic green infrastructure network. Until a draft SPG is prepared by the Mayor, it is considered appropriate and justified to use the current ALGG SPG and associated guidance documents.
- 11.30 The council does not believe there is sufficient evidence that differs to that considered in the 2014 Plan, to justify the inclusion of further sites, including Wimbledon Park, within the WVRP. Wimbledon Park was considered, and excluded from the WVRP by the cross-borough steering group.
- 11.31 Therefore, the boundaries of the Wandle Valley Regional Park (refer to Image 11.2 below) as identified and illustrated on the Local Plan Policies Maps ([Document 0D2](#)), remain consistent with those set out in the 2014 Sites and Policies Plan and Policies Map, and are considered justified.
- 11.32 In terms of significance of “greater coverage” shown in the [ALGG Wandle Valley Area Framework 8](#), the map referred to in the Wandle Valley Forum’s response (see Image 11.1 below), shows a strategic boundary, which was drawn to a relatively large scale. There are two areas that contain hatching, which the key depicts as “Metropolitan Park Opportunities” and “Regional Park Opportunities”.
- 11.33 This map, along with the supporting text in the Framework, highlights a number of strategic opportunities for the future of the Wandle Valley. This includes a list of c.120 projects within a number of character areas of the Wandle Valley. It does not specify or seek that any of these sites/projects are to be included within the WVRP. Therefore, the council does not consider this area of “greater coverage” to be of significance in terms of reviewing the boundaries of the WVRP.

11.34 The council notes the Stage 3 submissions made [D. Dawson](#) and the [Wandle Valley Forum](#), which request Wimbledon Park to be added to the Wandle Valley Regional Park.

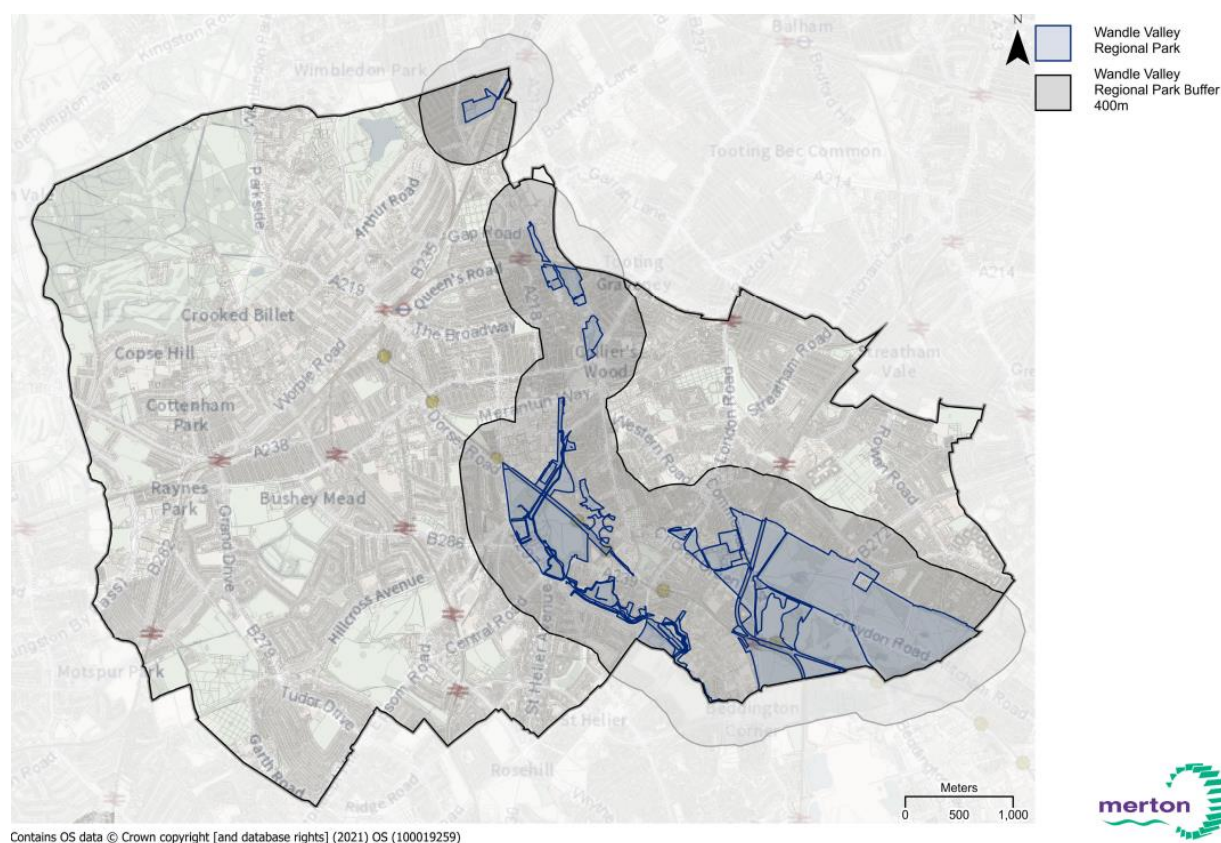
11.35 However, Wimbledon Park is not highlighted on this map with any identifying features in the key, and is not included in the hatched areas.

11.36 The council is not aware of any recent further evidence to support the inclusion of Wimbledon Park within the WVRP. As stated above, the WVRP boundaries within Merton were agreed in conjunction with the WVRP Trust as part of the cross-borough steering group in 2013.

Image 11.1 – Wandle Valley Green Grid (from the All London Green Grid)



Image 11.2 – Wandle Valley Regional Park boundaries (from the submitted Merton Policies Map [Document OD2](#)).



Q5. Is it clear what is meant by the term ‘completion’ of the Wandle Trail in Policy O15.6 (d)? Would Policy O15.6 be effective in terms of securing improvements and completion of the Wandle Trail?

Council response:

11.37 Yes, with the proposed modifications set out below, Policy O15.6(d) is clear and effective in setting out improvements for the Wandle Trail.

11.38 Policy O15.6(d) states “We will support the completion of the Wandle Trail”. The supporting text under the heading “Accessibility” provides further details on this.

11.39 A modification was proposed at submission stage to insert the wording ‘Support the protection and completion of the Wandle Trail.’ This was made in response to the Wandle Valley Forum Reg 19 submission and provides clarity that both the protection and completion of the Wandle Trail is supported.

- 11.40 A further modification is proposed to Policy O15.6(d) and the supporting text, to add a reference to two relevant Policies Maps, 'Indicative Cycling Network 2036/37' and the 'Wandle Trail National Cycle Network Route 20 (NCN20)'. This additional wording is considered necessary to clearly identify and illustrate the location of the 'missing link'.
- 11.41 In terms of delivery, officers from the LB Merton and LB Wandsworth are already working together on bringing forward the improvements to the Wandle Trail, that will lead to the completion of the 'missing link'. This includes spending s106 contributions that have been received from developments in both boroughs. Additional wording is proposed to para 15.6.10 to make this joint work clear.
- 11.42 The Statement of Common Ground with LB Wandsworth makes a reference to this as a cross boundary matter, noting that Merton and Wandsworth officers have already begun joint work. Meetings have, and continue to take place between officers, Councillors and the Environment Agency to progress this.
- 11.43 In addition to Policy O15.6, Table 16.1 in Chapter 16 Transport includes identified transport schemes TN11 and TN12, which relate to the borough wide walking and cycling network. These projects include the Wandle Trail 'missing link' (refer to the council's response to Matter 9, Issue (i), Question 5).

Proposed modifications:

Policy O15.6

(d) Support the protection and completion of the Wandle Trail, as shown on the 'Wandle Trail / National Cycle Network Route 20 (NCN20)' Policies Map and 'Indicative Cycling Network 2036/37 Policies Map'.

Para 15.6.10:

While most sections are in a good condition, there are some sections missing links and areas that will require future investment and improvement to enable a continuous trail that is fully accessible to all users, at all times of the year. We support the protection and completion of the Wandle Trail, including the identified improvements in access required in the north east of the borough, near Earlsfield (refer to Policy Maps 'Wandle Trail / National Cycle Network Route 20 (NCN20)' and 'Indicative Cycling Network' and Table 16.1). This includes the currently inaccessible section from Trewint Street to Ravensbury Terrace. This will complete a missing link, and provide a safer, quieter and more pleasant alternative route for cyclists and pedestrians to the busy Durnsford Road

bridge. Completion of the Wandle Trail missing link will involve joint work between the boroughs of Merton and Wandsworth, the Environment Agency and National Rail, supported through Section 106 contributions already secured, other funding sources and the provision of access routes already secured through adjacent development sites. ~~Any improvements here would need to be agreed with the neighbouring borough of Wandsworth.~~ Investment in the Wandle Trail should respect the character of the river's environs and be designed for pedestrian and cycle access.

Policy Maps:

The following two modifications were proposed at submission stage, which introduced a new Policy Map and amended another. These were in response to the Reg 19 submission by the Wandle Valley Forum.

- MM-Wandle Cycle Route-Map-12 – new map that illustrates the Wandle Trail / National Cycle Network Route 20 (NCN20) along the River Wandle through the borough.
- MM-Merton Indicative Cycle Network Map-13 – updated to add the Wandle Missing Link.

Q6. Does Policy O15.6 take opportunities to promote access to the Wandle Valley Regional Park by walking and cycling (per paragraphs 98 and 104(c) of the Framework)?

Council response:

11.44 Yes, Policy O15.6, together with the supporting text under “Accessibility” promotes access through walking and cycling to the Wandle Valley Regional Park, as set out below.

11.45 Para 98 of the NPPF identifies that ‘*Access to a network of high quality open spaces and opportunities for sport and physical activity is important for the health and well-being of communities...*’

11.46 Policy O15.6(a):

a. Support the Wandle Valley Regional Park as one of London’s major green networks, protecting biodiversity and supporting opportunities for formal and informal recreation through enhanced accessibility

11.47 Policy O15.6(e):

e. Require development within 400m of the Wandle Valley Regional Park boundary to consider its relationship to the park in terms of visual, physical and landscape links, and ensure that new development positively enhances accessibility to the park through improvements to walking and cycling.

11.48 Para 15.6.14:

15.6.14. Proposed development along the Wandle Trail and within the Wandle Valley Regional Park should seek to enhance accessibility for pedestrians and cyclists through providing safe, welcoming and inclusive environments that will encourage active transport.

11.49 The Wandle Valley Regional Park is also identified as a network of green and open spaces and is designated as open space on the Policies Map ([Document 0D2](#)). Therefore, Strategic Policy O15.1 would be applicable for any proposed development that comes forward on these sites. In particular O15.1(b), states the following in relation to improved access through walking and cycling:

b. Protecting and seeking improvements to walking and cycling routes to and through Open Spaces ~~green spaces~~;

11.50 Para 104 of the NPPF sets out that opportunities to promote walking and cycling should be considered at an early stage of plan making so they are identified and pursued.

11.51 Policies T16.1 and T16.2 encourage active travel through the following:

11.52 T16.1(c):

c. Encourage and enable people to choose active travel modes, by implementing a comprehensive network of safe and convenient cycle and walking routes and providing supporting measures such as secure cycle parking, cycle training and route finding.

11.53 T16.2(b) and (c):

b. Ensure sites connect to and integrate well with the surrounding cycle, pedestrian and public transport networks and make suitable contributions towards improving routes where required.

c. Protect and enhance any existing publicly accessible cycle and pedestrian routes that cross development sites and maximise opportunities to improve public accessibility by providing new connections through sites.

11.54 Policy T16.5, in Table 16.1, provides a list of transport schemes to be delivered through the Local Plan. This includes TN11 Borough-wide walking network and TN12 Borough-wide cycling network.

11.55 The Policies Maps “Wandle Trail / National Cycle Network Route 20 (NCN20)” and “Indicative Cycling Network” both illustrate the cycle network along the River Wandle, through the Wandle Valley Regional Park and the wider borough. The “Wandle Trail / National Cycle Network Route 20 (NCN20)” map is added as a separate map through a proposed modification to highlight its importance in enabling active travel choices. This modification was made following Stage 3 comments from the Wandle Valley Forum. These maps, together with the policies mentioned above, provide opportunities to promote walking and cycling to, and through, the Wandle Valley Regional Park.

11.56 In conclusion, given that the matters of accessibility, open space, recreation and active travel cross a number of different policies within the Local Plan, no further modifications are proposed to Policy O15.6 in relation to access and active travel.

Appendix 11.1 - Open Space Policy Map changes

The table below sets out the sites designated on the Open Spaces Policy Map and provides details of the site reviews, highlighting where a proposed boundary change is made through the Local Plan, in accordance with the criteria set out in the Green Infrastructure Study 2020 ([Document 15D1](#)).

Please note, this list includes the modifications proposed to the Open Space Policy Map.

Open Space Site Ref.	Site Name*	Proposed Change	Reason**
A001	Western Road Allotments	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
A002	Martin Way East Allotments	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
A003	Eastfields Road Allotments	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
A004	New Barnes Avenue Allotments	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
A005	Thurleston Avenue Allotments	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
A006	Eveline Road Allotments	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
A007	Effra Road Allotments	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
A008	George Hill Allotments	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
A009	Ridge Road Allotments	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
A010	Cottenham Park Allotments	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
A011	Martin Way West Allotments	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
A012	Canon Hill Common Allotments	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
A013	Arthur Road Allotments	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
A014	Tamworth Farm Allotments	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
A015	Phipps Bridge Allotments	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
A016	Durnsford Road "B" Allotments	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
A017	Haslemere Avenue Allotments	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
A018	Cannizaro Park Allotments	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
A019	Brooklands Avenue Allotments	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.

A020	Havelock Road Allotments	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
A021	Mary Tate Almshouses Allotments	Add site as new open space (allotment).	Site was identified through consultation and offers amenity value through community gardening. Meets open space inclusion criteria.
C001	Buddhapadipa Temple Grounds	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
C002	St Mary's Church, Wimbledon	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
C003	Merton & Sutton Joint Cemetery	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
C004	Streatham Park Cemetery	Remove part of site from open space.	In accordance with approved planning application 17/P1717, part of the site no longer meets open space inclusion criteria.
C005	London Road/Victoria Road Cemetery	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
C006	Gap Road (Wimbledon) Cemetery	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
C007	Morden Cemetery	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
C008	Mitcham Parish Church	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
C009	St Marys Churchyard	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
CG001	Thompsons Nursery Motspur Park	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria. NB. Site name has been changed for accuracy.
F001	Deen City Farm	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
M001	Morden Hall Park	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
M002	Figges Marsh	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
M003	Three Kings Piece Open Space	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
M004	London Road Playing Fields	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
M005	Wandle Park	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
M006	Dundonald Recreation Ground	Remove part of site from open space.	Part of the site no longer meets the inclusion criteria. The boundary is proposed to be aligned with the built form of the school.

M007	Cranmer Green	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
M008	Moreton Green	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
M009	Lavender Park	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
M010	Durnsford Road Rec Grd	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
M0103	Hertford Way Open Space	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria. NB. Site reference has been amended as it was previously duplicated. For accuracy and clarity.
M0104	Wimbledon War Memorial	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
M0105	Dennis Park Crescent Open Space	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
M0106	Stanford Road Play Space	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria. NB. Site reference changed from P (playing field) to M (small open space). For accuracy.
M0107	Land Rear Of Stanford Primary School	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria. NB. Site reference changed from P (playing field) to M (small open space). For accuracy.
M0108	Seymour Road Park	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria. NB. Site reference has been amended as it was previously duplicated. For accuracy and clarity.
M011	Haydons Rd Rec Grd	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
M012	Colliers Wood Recreation Ground	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
M013	Cottenham Park	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
M014	Donnelly Green Pollards Hill Estate	Remove part of site from Open Space.	In accordance with approved planning application 15/P4305, part of the site no longer meets the open space inclusion criteria.
M015	Myrna Close Open Space	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
M016	John Innes Park	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
M017	South Park Gardens	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.

M018	Cherry Tree Estate Open Space	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
M019	Cherrywood Open Space	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
M020	Brenley Park	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
M021	Lyndhurst Recreation Ground	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
M022	Holland Gardens Open Space	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
M023	Sherwood Park Road Open Space	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
M024	Kendor Gardens	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
M025	Vestry Hall Green (also known as Lower Green)	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
M026	Rowan Road Recreation Ground	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
M027	Church Lane Playing Fields	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
M028	Lynmouth Gardens	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
M029	Deer Park Gardens	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
M030	Lewis Road Recreation Ground	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
M031	Moreton Green	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
M032	Miles Road Open Space	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
M033	Upper Green (also known as Fair Green)	Open space boundaries realigned with new road network.	To reflect new boundaries due to highways and road works.
M034	All Saints Recreation Ground	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
M035	Nelson Gardens Open Space	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
M036	Margin Drive Green Open Space	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
M037	Vectis Gardens Open Space	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
M038	Poplar Court Open Space	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
M039	Rock Terrace Rec Grd	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
M040	Oakleigh way Recreation Ground	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.

M043	Crooked Billet Open Space	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
M044	Wimbledon Common (excluding Royal Wimbledon Golf Course)	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
M046	Raynes Park Sports Ground	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
M047	Cannon Hill Common	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
M048	Sir Joseph Hood Memorial Playing fields and surrounds	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
M049	King Georges Field	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
M050	Morden Park and surrounds	Reflect new location of leisure centre within the park.	In accordance with approved planning application 16/P0882, to reflect the new location of the leisure centre (land swap). Other areas including playground also added to open space boundary as they meet the inclusion criteria.
M051	Mostyn Gardens	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
M052	John Innes Recreation Ground	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
M053	Ravensbury Park	Remove part of site from open space.	In accordance with approved planning application 17/P1718 for Phase 1 of Ravensbury Estate. Part of the site off Hengelo Gardens was removed from open space in the Merton Estates Local Plan 2018. This is now reflected in the Policy Maps, for accuracy.
M054	Cricket Green	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
M055	Police Green Cricket Green	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
M056	Mitcham Common, including golf course	Remove built form of the Ravensbury Arms and Miller & Carter Steakhouse from open space.	This part of the site does not meet the open space inclusion criteria.
M057	Mitcham Sports Ground	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria. NB. Site name has been amended.
M058	The Canons	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.

M059	Pollards Hill O/S	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
M060	Long Bolstead Recreation Ground	Remove part of the site from open space boundary.	In accordance with approved planning application 17/P1717, part of the site no longer meets the inclusion criteria.
M061	Tamworth Farm Recreation Ground	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
M062	Abbey Recreation Ground	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
M063	Garfield Road Rec Grd	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
M064	Land Adjacent River Wandle	Partial boundary change to add new area along the River Wandle to open space.	This part of the site meets open space inclusion criteria.
M066	Morden Recreation Ground	Remove part of site from open space.	In accordance with approved planning application 17/P0148, this part of the site no longer meets the open space inclusion criteria.
M067	Edenvale Play Area	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
M068	Wandle Meadow Nature Park	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
M069	St Mary's Church field	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria. NB. Site name has been updated, for accuracy.
M070	Robinhood Close Open Space	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
M071	Watermeads o/s	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
M072	Joseph Hood Recreation Ground	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
M074	Merton & Sutton Joint Cemetery Surrounds	Removal of four cottages from the cemetery open space boundary.	Following a request from a local resident to review this site, this part of the site does not meet the open space inclusion criteria.
M075	St Mary's Chuchyard, Wimbledon	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
M076	Rowan Park	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
M077	Wimbledon Park	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria. NB. Site name has been amended for accuracy.

M078	Land adjacent to River Wandle, Weir Road	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria. NB. Site name has been amended for accuracy.
M079	Alfreton Close Corner Park	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
M080	Welford Park and Path	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
M081	Gap Road Park	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
M082	Herbert Road Park	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
M083	St Mark's Churchyard	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
M084	Edge Hill Court North	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
M085	Edge Hill Court South	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
M086	All Saints Road Open Space	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
M087	Bushey Court Park	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
M088	Three Kings Piece Pond and Open Space	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria. NB. Site name has been amended for accuracy.
M089	Marlowe Square Open Space	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
M090	Recreation Way Open Space	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
M091	Crossway Open Space	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
M092	Trafalgar Garden	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
M093	Hamilton Gardens Open Space	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
M094	Hardy Gardens Open Space	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
M095	Caesars Walk Open Space	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
M096	Central Ward Residents Club Open Space	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
M097	Haynt Walk Open Space	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
M098	Botsford Road Open Space	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.

M099	Trenchard Court Haig Homes Open Space	Site removed from open space.	In accordance with the approved planning application, this site no longer meets open space inclusion criteria.
M100	The Precincts Haig Homes Open Space	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
M101	St Helier Avenue Open Space	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
M102	Home Park Road Open Space	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
P001a	National Westminster (Natwest) sports ground	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
P001b	Chilmark Road Open Space	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
P002	Raynes Park Playing Fields	Remove part of site from open space.	This part of the site does not meet the open space inclusion criteria; it was erroneously included as part of the adjacent Raynes Park playing fields site in the previous policy maps. It is not a playing field and it does not form part of this open space site.
P004	Raynes Park High School Sports Ground	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria. NB. Site name has been amended for accuracy.
P005	Malden Golf Course	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
P006	London Electricity Sports Ground (LESSA)	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
P007	Playing Field Wimbledon College	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
P008	The Old Rutlishians Sports Club	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
P009	West Side Lawn Tennis Club	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
P010	Queensmere Road Tennis Courts	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
P012	Wilton Grove Tennis Club	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
P014	Raynes Park, Lawn Tennis Club	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
P015	West Wimbledon Bowling Club	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.

P017	Royal Wimbledon Golf Club	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
P018	Morley Park	Amend open space boundary to reflect built form on site.	In accordance with approved planning applications 11/P0346 and 16/P4853, this site has new built form. The open space boundary has been revised in line with the open space inclusion criteria.
P020	Old Wimbledonians Sports Ground	Remove part of site from open space.	This part of the site does not meet the open space inclusion criteria. NB. Site name has been amended for accuracy.
P021	Beverley Park Golf Range	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
P022	Prince Georges Fields	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
P023	Messines Playing Fields	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria. NB. Site name has been amended for accuracy.
P024	Old Tenisonians Sports Ground	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria. NB. Site name has been amended for accuracy.
P025	Morden Park Playing Fields	Reflect new location of leisure centre within park.	In accordance with approved planning application 16/P0882, to reflect the new location of the leisure centre (land swap). Other areas including playground also added to open space boundary as they meet the inclusion criteria. NB. Site name has been amended for accuracy.
P026	Cranleigh Lawn Tennis Club	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
P027	Nursery Road Playing Fields	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
P028	Tooting and Mitcham Imperial sports ground	Remove part of site from open space.	In accordance with approved planning application 19/P4094, open space boundary has been amended in line with open space inclusion criteria. NB. Site name has been amended for accuracy.
P030	Westminster City School Playing Fields	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
P033	Kings College School Sports Ground	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria. NB. Site name has been amended for accuracy.

P034	The David Lloyd Club	No change to open space	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
P035	All England Lawn Tennis Club	Remove part of site from open space.	This part of the site does not meet open space criteria. Boundary has been changed to reflect built form on site.
P036	Former St Catharine's Playing Fields	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
P037	BMX track	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
P038	Southey Bowling Club	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
P039	Goals Wimbledon	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria. NB. Site name and reference have been amended for accuracy.
S001	Ricards Lodge School	Remove part of site from open space.	This part of the site no longer meets open space inclusion criteria.
S002	Kings College School Playing Field	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
S003	Farm Road Playing Fields	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria. NB. Site name has been amended for accuracy.
S004	Harris Academy Morden, Lilleshall Road	Remove part of site from Open Space.	This part of the site no longer meets open space inclusion criteria. NB. Site name has been amended for accuracy.
S005	Wimbledon Chase Primary School	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria. NB. Site name has been amended for accuracy.
S006	Cranmer Primary	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
S007	Abbotsbury Primary School	Remove part of site from Open Space.	This part of the site no longer meets open space inclusion criteria. NB. Site name has been amended for accuracy.
S008	Raynes Park High School	Delete small anomaly line from open space.	To correct a previous minor mapping anomaly. This does not impact on the open space designation of the site.
S009	Wimbledon High School Sports Ground	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.

S010	Hillcross Primary School	Remove part of site from Open Space.	This part of the site no longer meets open space inclusion criteria.
S011	Wimbledon College	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
S012	Bond Primary School	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
S013	Haslemere Primary School	Remove part of site from Open Space.	This part of the site no longer meets open space inclusion criteria. NB. Site name has been amended for accuracy.
S014	Cricket Green School	Remove part of site from Open Space.	In accordance with approved planning application, this part of the site no longer meets open space inclusion criteria.
S015	Harris Primary Academy	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
S016	Malmesbury Primary School	Remove part of site from Open Space.	This part of the site no longer meets open space inclusion criteria. NB. Site name has been amended for accuracy.
S017	Merton Abbey Primary School and Harris Wimbledon Academy	Add new MUGA space as open space.	In accordance with approved planning application, a new area of open space has been added to the site.
S018	Benedict Academy	Remove part of site from Open Space.	This part of the site no longer meets open space inclusion criteria.
S021	Priory C Of E Primary School	Remove part of site from open space	This part of the site no longer meets open space inclusion criteria.
S022	Beecholme Primary School	Remove part of open space from site.	This part of the site no longer meets open space inclusion criteria. NB. Site name has been amended for accuracy.
S023	Wimbledon College Sports Ground	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
S025	St John Fisher School	Remove part of site from open space.	This part of the site no longer meets open space inclusion criteria.
S027	Kings College School Sports Ground	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
S028	Aragon Primary	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
S029	Hatfield Primary School	Remove part of site from Open Space.	This part of the site no longer meets open space inclusion criteria.

S030	Poplar School	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
S031	Rutlish High School	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
S032	Harris Academy Merton	Remove part of site from open space.	In accordance with approved planning application, this part of the site no longer meets open space inclusion criteria. NB. Site name has been amended for accuracy.
S033	St Marks Church of England Academy	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria. NB. Site name has been amended for accuracy.
S035	Holy Trinity Primary School	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
S036	St Thomas Of Canterbury RC Primary School	Remove part of site from open space	This part of the site no longer meets open space inclusion criteria.
S037	Liberty Primary School	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
S038	St Teresas Primary School	Remove part of site from open space.	This part of the site no longer meets open space inclusion criteria.
S040	Garfield School	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
S041	Lonesome Primary	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
S042	Morden Primary School	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
S043	West Wimbledon Primary	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
S044	Emmanuel School Playing Fields	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
S045	St Matthew's Church of England Primary School	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria. NB. Site name has been amended for accuracy.
S046	Wimbledon Park Primary School	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
S048	Wimbledon College Preparatory School Donhead Lodge	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
S049	The Norwegian School Playing Fields	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
S053	Melrose School	Remove part of site from Open Space.	In accordance with approved planning application, this part of the site no longer meets open space inclusion criteria
S054	St Marks Primary School	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.

S055	Perseid Upper School	Remove part of site from open space.	In accordance with approved planning application, this part of the site no longer meets open space inclusion criteria. NB. Site name has been amended for accuracy.
S058	Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
S060	Gorrington Park Primary School Playing Fields	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria. NB. Site name has been amended for accuracy.
S063	Merton Park Primary School	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
S064	All Saints C Of E Primary School Open Space	Remove part of open space from site.	This part of the site no longer meets open space inclusion criteria.
S066	Ss Peter & Paul Rc Primary Playing Fields	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
W001	George Hill O/S and Pyl Brook Nature Reserve	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
W002	Priory Wall Open Space	Add footpath to Open Space.	This part of the site meets the open space inclusion criteria.
W003	Land Along Wandle River	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
W004	River Wandle riverside walk (also known as Bennetts Hole)	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
W005	Land Adjacent River Wandle	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
W006	Merton Park Green Walk	No change	Site meets open space inclusion criteria.
W007	Rookwood Open Space	Remove part of site from open space.	In accordance with approved planning application, this part of the site no longer meets open space inclusion criteria.

* Where the name is in **bold**, this means the open space site name has changed since the previous 2014 Policy Maps.

** In accordance with the criteria set out in the Green Infrastructure Study (Document 15D1), pages 307 – 315.