

Statement of Common Ground

Merton Local Plan Review

August 2022

1. Parties Involved

- NHS Healthy Urban Development Unit (HUDU), on behalf of the former Merton and Wandsworth Clinical Commissioning Group and South West London Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), and current South West London and Integrated Care Board (ICB) .
- The London Borough of Merton (LBM)

2. Areas of Agreement

2.1 HUDU submitted responses to the Merton Local Plan at Stage 2a ([January 2021](#)) and Stage 3 ([September 2021](#)).

2.2 The (then) Merton & Wandsworth Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), also submitted a response to the Stage 2 Local Plan ([January 2019](#)).

2.3 HUDU, the CCG/ICB and LBM have liaised through meetings, phone calls and emails, over the Local Plan process, discussing a range of health infrastructure matters.

2.4 HUDU is supportive of Chapter 01B Good Growth, subject to the proposed modifications below.

2.5 HUDU is supportive of the Site Allocations, subject to the proposed modifications below.

2.6 HUDU is supportive of the Morden policy N5.1, subject to the proposed modifications below.

2.7 HUDU is supportive of Chapter 10 Health and Wellbeing, subject to the proposed modifications below.

2.8 HUDU is supportive of Chapter 12 Places and Spaces, subject to the proposed modifications below.

3. Proposed Modifications

3.1 Both parties agree minor modifications are needed to the Good growth Chapter 01B in relation to social and community infrastructure for Colliers Wood, Morden and Mitcham.

3.2 Both parties agree minor modifications are needed to the Urban development objectives and vision Chapter 01C to improve clarity, under Strategic Objective 3 and Spatial Vision.

3.3 Both parties agree that modifications are needed to a number of Site Allocations, for clarity on infrastructure requirements:

Development proposals for this site must refer to the Merton Infrastructure Delivery Plan 2021 and ensure infrastructure requirements have been addressed by the proposal. ~~have regard to Merton's Infrastructure Delivery Plan and Green Infrastructure Study 2020.~~

3.4 Both parties agree that modifications are needed to the supporting text of Policy N5.1, for clarity on health infrastructure requirements:

As identified in the Infrastructure Delivery Plan 2021, the comprehensive regeneration of the Morden Regeneration Zone is likely to trigger the need for additional health infrastructure to meet local needs. Morden Road Clinic has also been identified by the NHS (National Health Service) as a site allocation (Mo5)...

3.5 Both parties agree that modifications are needed to Policy 10.1, part a to include additional wording on health and wellbeing:

Working with strategic partners such as NHS (National Health Service) England, ~~Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG)~~ as part of the Integrated Care System and Merton's Health and Wellbeing Boards in improving health and wellbeing tackling health inequalities,...

3.6 Both parties agree that modifications are needed to Policy D12.3 supporting text, for clarity:

12.3.18 With the on-going push to increase recycling rates and minimise the amount of household waste going to landfill sites, bi-weekly collection of bins and a variety of other bins, bags and boxes for recycling present households with a number of problems in accommodating these requirements. These include ~~ing~~ providing sufficient off-street storage and ensuring that bins are accessible and do not obstruct footways, especially for people with health difficulties, including mobility, sensory and mental health ~~mobility or mental health~~ problems that make it difficult to navigate obstacles. ~~B~~locking accesses or carriageways on collection days will cause major problems.

4. Signatories

4.1 Both parties agree that this statement is an accurate representation of matters discussed and issues agreed upon.

Signatories

Signed for London Borough of Merton by:

Name – Tara Butler

Job Title – Deputy Head of Future Merton


Signature - 

Date – 10 October 2022

Signed for NHS HUDU by:

Name – Mary Manuel

Job Title – Head of the NHS Healthy Urban Development Unit

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Date – 7th October 2022