Merton’s Climate Delivery Plan for Year 4 - Workstream 5 - Summary 2024



WS 5: Green infrastructure: Successfully delivering this work stream will require increased tree planting and green infrastructure projects by the council and private landowners, and increased public participation in community planting.

**Key areas of progress in 2023:**

* Adopted Merton’s Tree Strategy 2023-2029 which sets out the way the council will manage and enhance trees in the borough.
* Planted 6,000 whips and 12 standard trees as part of Cranmer Green Community Woodland Scheme.
* Planted 20 disease resistant Elm Trees during the Queens Green Canopy Commemorative Tree Planting programme; one for each Merton Ward.
* Joined the Trees for Streets Street Tree Sponsorship Scheme and receiving over 85 requests to adopt a street tree. This equates to £17K investment in new street tree planting with a priority to planting trees in low canopy wards.
* Achieved new Green Flag Award Status for Cannizaro Park.
* Constructed a large green infrastructure Sustainable urban Drainage System (SuDS) solution for Raynes Park Town Centre on Pepys Road.
* Designed a SuDs pocket park improvement scheme at Home Park Road and Kenilworth Green and installed a SuDS raingarden at Madeira Road.
* Supported the examination of Merton’s draft Local Plan which includes several Green and Blue Infrastructure policies.
* Proactively engaging with the Independent Merton Greenspace Forum and Merton’s existing Friends of Parks network to share knowledge and experience as well as encourage new groups to form.
* Supported and funded the third year of the Climate Action Group’s Merton Garden Streets initiative run by Sustainable Merton, with 129 streets signed-up in 2023.

**Key priorities for 2024:**

* Scope Phase 2 of Merton’s Tree Strategy for the management of trees on private land.
* Plant 2500 whips at Morden Park Lower Field with Trees for Cities and 2500 whips at Hillcross Avenue perimeter with Merton Friends of the Earth.
* Apply for new Green Flag Award Status for Canons House and Grounds, Haydons Road Rec, and Holland Gardens.
* Deliver a large flood alleviation and river restoration scheme in Derwent Road Flood Wash, in Lower Morden.
* Deliver a Green Infrastructure SuDS scheme in Mitcham town centre.
* Adopt Merton’s new Green Infrastructure policies.

# Acronyms

* CDP – Climate Delivery Plan
* ECO – Energy Company Obligation
* EV – Electric Vehicle
* FY – Financial Year
* GLA – Greater London Authority
* LBM – London Borough of Merton
* LED – Light Emitting Diode
* MEES – Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards
* PPA – Power Purchase Agreement
* SLP – South London Partnership
* SuDS – Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems
* TFL – Transport for London