

The London Borough of Merton  
Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004  
The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England)  
Regulations 2012

**ADOPTION STATEMENT**

**Merton's Character Study Supplementary Planning Document  
(SPD)**

In accordance with Regulation 14 of the Town and Country Planning (Local planning) (England) Regulations 2012, notice is hereby given that on 22 June 2021 Merton Council adopted the Small Sites SPD.

The Council has undertaken a six- week consultation on a Draft version of the Small Sites SPD. This consultation was undertaken in accordance with Regulation 12 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

The Council made modifications pursuant to section 23(1) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 following the consultation. The modifications considered representations made. These were to provide:

- Further supporting text to provide clarity.
- Changes to the layout, maps and images.

**Covid-19 and the requirements to make the documents available.**

Under regulation 35 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 the Local Planning Authority must make both this Adoption Statement and the final SPD available within our principle office, the website and in any other such locations as specified in our Statement of Community Involvement.

In our case this include making the document available in the Council's reference libraries. However, due to government COVID-19 guidance this may not appropriate or possible. The recently amended National Planning Policy Guidance is clear that in such circumstances the Local Planning Authority must make temporary amendments. The documents are available on the Council's [website](#) and will be available in both at the Civic Centre, Morden, and our reference libraries as soon as this appropriate and possible to do so.

**Period of Challenge**

Any person with sufficient interest in the decision to adopt of the named planning guidance may apply to the High Court for permission to apply for judicial review of that decision. Any such application must be made promptly and, in any event, not later than 6 weeks after the date on which the SPD was adopted (22 June 2021).

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