
Dear Future Merton,

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to comment on the Small Sites Toolkit draft. Our response has been limited to a general comment regarding the absence of the acknowledgement of potential neighbourhood plans e.g.,

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To the list, add another bullet point: 'Any neighbourhood plans', as follows:

"It should be read in conjunction with the following documents:

- *The new London Plan*
- *The Mayor of London Good Quality Homes SPG (draft)*
- *Merton's Local Plan*
- *Merton's Borough Character Study (draft)*
- *Merton's Explanatory Note on Approaches to Sustainable Design and Construction*
- *Merton's Conservation Area character appraisals*
- *Any neighbourhood plans"*

And add Neighbourhood plans to the diagram.

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The first paragraph should be modified to recognise that the Borough Character Study provides only very limited information on what will be needed in relation to any specific development proposal. Add the text highlighted red below:

*"Proposals for new homes must demonstrate how the character of the surrounding neighbourhood has been taken into account. Your design should make use of our Borough Character Study, which documents **some of the existing conditions, needs and aspirations of Merton's neighbourhoods, and your design should be based on a thorough context appraisal.**"*

Glossary - from page 88

A definition of neighbourhood planning (or a neighbourhood plan) should be included in the glossary.

Regards

PlanWimbledon - Chair