
I write having spent some time reading through various FutureMerton documents, including Merton Character Study.

My biggest concern is that tactics such as "Infill" and "Plot Amalgamation" should be explicitly prohibited from being applied to detriment existing housing stock which is in good repair and is sought after.

Of course I'm thinking of areas such as Merton Park where I am lucky enough to have lived happily for over 20 years (with every intention of staying put for many years to come).

I am particularly concerned that property developers will seize on tactics like "Infill" and "Plot Amalgamation" and recognise the profit in demolishing and increasing the number of houses in a given area, thereby pricing out those who (like myself) find existing houses desirable enough to want to live in them as they are.

As far as I'm concerned the key to Merton Park's "character" is decent size houses in decent sized plots ... and that seems sufficient to attract decent people to live here.

If property developers are not controlled, building will become denser and less attractive and I fear Merton Park's character will wither
Regards