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## 1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 This technical report has been produced by The Environment Partnership (TEP) Ltd on behalf of the London Borough of Merton (LBM) to provide details of the informal consultation with community groups that was undertaken for the Merton Green Infrastructure, Biodiversity and Open Space Study.
- 1.2 The purpose of this informal consultation was to provide an opportunity for Friends of the Parks and other community groups to communicate their aspirations and concerns regarding open space in Merton and provide research for TEP to feed into the Study.
- 1.3 This report explains how the consultation was undertaken and provides details of the feedback, and how this feedback has influenced the Study.
- 1.4 The Open Space Consultation Technical Report forms part of a set of Technical Reports which will provide an evidence base for the Merton Local Plan, and inform the overall Merton Green Infrastructure, Biodiversity and Open Space Study as shown in Figure 1.

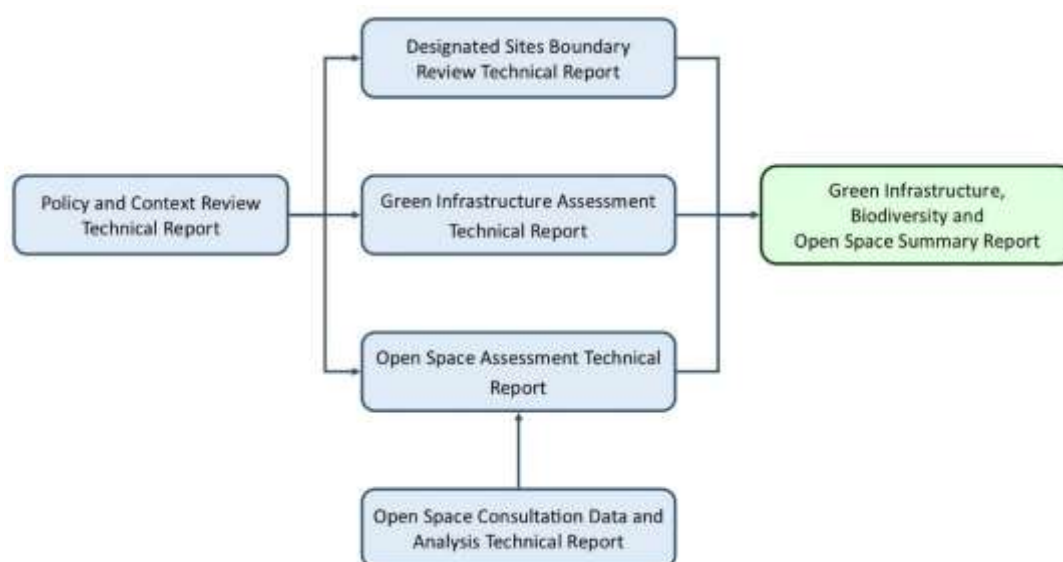


Figure 1: Report structure for Green Infrastructure, Biodiversity and Open Space Study

## 2.0 Planning Context

- 2.1 Section 18 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires Local Planning Authorities to produce a Statement of Community Involvement (SCI). As part of the SCI Local Planning Authorities are requested to encourage participation from local community groups. The London Borough of Merton (LBM) SCI was adopted in July 2006.

### **Planning and Compulsory Act 2004**

- 2.2 The Planning and Compulsory Act 2004 does not require Local Authorities to carry out consultation before Regulation 18 (Issues and Options) stage of the Local Plan preparation, which includes the preparation of background documents, including the Green Infrastructure, Biodiversity and Open Space Study.
- 2.3 However to ensure meaningful consultation is undertaken with the stakeholders from an early stage of the Local Plan process, LBM have decided to consult with stakeholders as early as possible. This approach is consistent with the National Planning Policy Framework, National Planning Policy Guidance and the LBM SCI (July 2006).

### **National Planning Policy Framework**

- 2.4 The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) sets out that the purpose of the planning system is to deliver sustainable development and in doing so this should be a collective enterprise including people and communities.
- 2.5 NPPF Paragraph 16(c) states that Plans should *"be shaped by early, proportionate and effective engagement between plan-makers and communities, local organisations, businesses, infrastructure providers, operators and statutory consultees"*.

### **National Planning Policy Guidance**

- 2.6 The Government's online Planning Practice Guidance (PPG) was launched on 6th March 2014. The PPG supports the NPPF and provides guidance on all aspects of the Planning System, including process and expectations on pre-application discussions. Positive pre-application engagement can be achieved by:

*"Local planning authorities will need to identify and engage at an early stage with all those that may be interested in the development or content of the Local Plan, including those groups who may be affected by its proposals but who do not play an active part in most consultations."*

### **London Borough of Merton Statement of Community Involvement**

- 2.7 The LBM Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) was adopted in July 2006 in accordance with provisions of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and takes into account planning legislation, which allows for the use of more effective communication and consultation methods.
- 2.8 The 2006 SCI states that:

*"Different people like to be contacted in different ways. Some prefer letters, e-mail or the Internet; others would rather attend a meeting or see an exhibition. The Council uses different methods to inform local communities, depending on what's being discussed, and people can contact the Council with their views in several different ways"*

2.9 The 2006 SCI states that no consultation is required at Stage 1 (Pre-Production stage) of the Local Plan process under the regulations. This is the stage where information is gathered to inform the upcoming Local Plan, such as the work undertaken for the Green Infrastructure, Biodiversity and Open Space Study. Despite this, LBM considers that it is important to contact the local community early on, so that it:-

- Has an early understanding of what the Local Plan is about and how it will affect the local area.
- Increases people's understanding of what the Local Plan contains and how it is being produced.
- Exposes any potential conflicts so that they can be resolved early in the Local Plan production process.
- Regularly updates Merton's SCI consultation database.

2.10 Since 2006 there have been a number of changes to planning legislation, planning guidance and technological advances, such as social media, which have changed the way that public consultations are carried out. As a result, LBM will be updating the SCI in 2019.

## 3.0 Consultation Method

### Background

3.1 The consultation objectives were to:

- Provide key stakeholder groups across LBM with information about the Green Infrastructure, Biodiversity and Open Space Study;
- Allow an opportunity for local community groups who have been identified by LBM to consider and comment on designated open spaces within Merton; and
- Consider feedback received as a result of the consultation process and demonstrate how TEP and LBM have responded to it through the Green Infrastructure, Biodiversity and Open Space Study.

### Consultation Method

3.2 TEP and LBM identified key stakeholder groups across Merton to include in the consultation process. TEP contacted the following community groups who had previously indicated they were interested in taking part in some detailed consultation on open spaces;

- Friends of the Park's Groups;
- Residents associations; and
- Other open space related community groups.

3.3 TEP sent a covering letter which provided background information on the Green Infrastructure, Biodiversity and Open Space Study and seven questions on open space in the borough, along with an open spaces map and site list to a total of 27 community groups (20 Friends of Groups, 2 Residents Associations and 5 other community forums). The letter provided a phone number, email address and postal address for TEP and the Future Merton team at LBM.

3.4 All groups were initially contacted by email on 21 December 2018 and were asked to respond in writing by 18 January 2019.

3.5 It should be noted that some of the groups passed the consultation letter on to other community groups who then also provided responses. All community groups' responses were considered as part of the consultation as they have good knowledge of their local area and represent local residents.

3.6 Individual residents were not consulted at this time and any such responses received have not been considered in this report. This was primarily a research task on green spaces within Merton and it was considered that Friends of the Parks Groups provide a good representation of the use and value of specific green spaces across Merton and would be able to provide information on improvements and funding requirements.

3.7 Formal consultations in line with planning regulations will be undertaken on the draft Local Plan at a later stage, where LBM will encourage all views on open spaces as well as other planning matters.



## Consultation Responses

3.8 TEP included seven questions within the letter to ensure specific information on open and green spaces was considered. The questions were:-

- Which open space(s) do you use in Merton?
- Do you use open spaces in neighbouring boroughs?
- How do you use open space(s) in Merton?
- What do you value about the open spaces in Merton?
- What do you consider the benefits of Merton's open space are?
- Do you feel there are any gaps in provision of open space, and if so where?
- What improvements to the quality of the open space do you think are needed, and who needs to be involved in the funding and implementation?

3.9 TEP received a total of 17 responses (9 Friends of Groups, 3 Residents Associations and 5 other community forums).

3.10 All comments received from community groups have been taken into consideration and the information has been summarised in Section 4 Results.

### **London Borough of Merton's Resident Satisfaction Survey (2017)**

3.11 The Residents Satisfaction Survey (2017) was undertaken between February and March 2017 on a sample of 1,020 residents aged 18 and over, in order to provide fresh data to inform Council decision making.

3.12 The results of this survey have also been taken into consideration in Section 4 below.

## 4.0 Results

### Response to Resident's Satisfaction Survey (2017)<sup>1</sup>

- 4.1 The vast majority of Merton residents are satisfied with their local area as a place to live (92%), which is 12% higher than the national benchmark of 80% (LGA polling February 2017). 94% of young people and 92% of adults were satisfied.
- 4.2 The Wimbledon constituency had the highest satisfaction levels with 96% of residents satisfied with where they live. Mitcham and Morden constituency also had high resident's satisfaction with 89%. However only 16% of residents in Lavender Fields, Pollard Hill and Figge's Marsh, 15% of residents in Ravensbury, St. Helier and Cricket Green and 13% in Colliers Wood, Graveney and Longthornton were very satisfied with their area.
- 4.3 Table 1 shows that the Ravensbury and Cannon Hill areas have the highest satisfaction for parks, playgrounds and open spaces, but the Lavender Fields and Colliers Wood areas have the lowest satisfaction. Overall all constituencies and areas were above 69%.

*Table 1: Rating for parks, playgrounds and open spaces as very good/good*

|       | Constituency     |           | Area    |           |             |                 |            |               |
|-------|------------------|-----------|---------|-----------|-------------|-----------------|------------|---------------|
| Total | Mitcham & Morden | Wimbledon | Village | Dundonald | Cannon Hill | Lavender Fields | Ravensbury | Colliers Wood |
| 79%   | 79%              | 78%       | 77%     | 80%       | 83%         | 69%             | 89%        | 68%           |

*Source: Merton Resident's Satisfaction Survey 2017*

- 4.4 Responses relating to primary and nursery education, parks and playgrounds and open spaces was deemed to be particularly positive. Parks, playgrounds and open spaces scored 75% very good/good across all responses. However, responses were least positive in relation to street cleaning, parking and road and pavement repair.
- 4.5 The survey results state that families (i.e. residents with children aged under 16) are significantly more likely to use parks, playgrounds and open spaces compared to the average. Families rated parks, playgrounds and open spaces as 86% very good/good.
- 4.6 Young people (11-17 year olds) rated parks, playgrounds and open spaces as 56% very good/good.
- 4.7 On measures of personal wellbeing (feeling satisfied with life, feeling that the things you do in life are worthwhile, feelings of happiness and anxiety). Merton residents give more positive responses compared to both London and UK benchmarks.

<sup>1</sup> [https://www2.merton.gov.uk/residents\\_survey\\_research\\_report\\_2017.pdf](https://www2.merton.gov.uk/residents_survey_research_report_2017.pdf)

4.8 The consultation responses received from the TEP consultation (2019) were similar to the Residents Satisfaction Survey (2017). Overall consultees were positive about the quality and quantity of open spaces in Merton. However, there were concerns raised regarding the lack of litter collection, which effects the enjoyment of open spaces and the environment. Also footpaths and Public Rights of Way (PRoW) through open spaces, are often waterlogged and difficult to use in the winter. Details of the consultation responses are provided below.

### Response to Consultation Questions

4.9 The consultation letter included seven key questions and the results from the consultation responses have been summarised below.

#### Question 1: Which open space(s) do you use in Merton?

4.10 There was a total of 65 open spaces mentioned during the consultation. Table 2 below shows the open spaces which are used and the number of groups who used the spaces.

*Table 2: Sites listed by Friends of Groups and residents*

| Ward               | Site Ref. | Open Space                                      | Community Groups |
|--------------------|-----------|---|------------------|
| Abbey Ward         | ME0001    | Abbey Recreation Ground                         | 1                |
| Abbey Ward         | ME0128    | Land Adjacent River Wandle – Merton Abbey Mills | 1                |
| Abbey Ward         | ME0133    | Merton Park Green Walk                          | 2                |
| Abbey Ward         | ME0165    | Nursery Road Playing Fields                     | 1                |
| Abbey Ward         | ME0275    | Priory Wall Open Space Walk                     | 1                |
| Cannon Hill Ward   | ME0030    | Cannon Hill Common (Canons Piece)               | 2                |
| Cannon Hill Ward   | ME0035    | Cherrywood Open Space                           | 1                |
| Cannon Hill Ward   | ME0098    | Joseph Hood Recreation Ground                   | 1                |
| Cannon Hill Ward   | ME0151    | Morden Park and surrounds                       | 2                |
| Cannon Hill Ward   | ME0155    | Morden Park East                                | 1                |
| Cannon Hill Ward   | ME0181    | Prince George's Fields                          | 1                |
| Colliers Wood Ward | ME0039    | Colliers Wood Recreation Ground                 | 1                |
| Colliers Wood Ward | ME0248    | Wandle Park (Merton)                            | 1                |

| Ward                 | Site Ref. | Open Space   | Community Groups |
|----------------------|-----------|--|------------------|
| Cricket Green Ward   | ME0139    | Mitcham Common                                     | 2                |
| Cricket Green Ward   | ME0141    | Cricket Green                                      | 1                |
| Cricket Green Ward   | ME0191    | Embankment   | 1                |
| Cricket Green Ward   | ME0242    | Three Kings Piece Open Space                       | 1                |
| Cricket Green Ward   | ME0251    | Watermeads   | 1                |
| Cricket Green Ward   | ME0319    | Land Adjacent River Wandle - Wandle Trail          | 2                |
| Dundonald Ward       | ME0237    | The Chase  | 1                |
| Figge's Marsh Ward   | ME0067    | Figge's Marsh                                      | 2                |
| Figge's Marsh Ward   | ME0142    | Upper Green (also known as Fair Green)             | 1                |
| Graveney Ward        | ME0060    | Edenvale Playspace                                 | 1                |
| Graveney Ward        | ME0214    | Vectis Gardens                                     | 1                |
| Hillside Ward        | ME0192    | Railway Path                                       | 1                |
| Lavender Fields Ward | ME0107    | Tamworth Recreation Ground including tennis courts | 1                |
| Lavender Fields Ward | ME0108    | Lavender Park                                      | 1                |
| Lavender Fields Ward | ME0114    | London Road Allotments                             | 1                |
| Lavender Fields Ward | ME0159    | Myrna Close Nature Reserve                         | 1                |
| Lower Morden Ward    | ME0130    | Merton and Sutton Joint Cemetery                   | 1                |
| Lower Morden Ward    | ME0216    | Sir Joseph Hood Memorial Playing Fields            | 2                |
| Merton Park Ward     | ME0037    | Church Lane Playing Fields                         | 1                |
| Merton Park Ward     | ME0044    | Cranleigh Lawn Tennis and Social Club              | 1                |
| Merton Park Ward     | ME0095    | John Innes Park                                    | 1                |

| Ward             | Site Ref. | Open Space                                    | Community Groups |
|------------------|-----------|---|------------------|
| Merton Park Ward | ME0096    | John Innes Recreation Ground                  | 1                |
| Merton Park Ward | ME0100    | Kendor Gardens                                | 1                |
| Merton Park Ward | ME0157    | Mostyn Gardens (Merton)                       | 1                |
| Merton Park Ward | ME0170    | Old Rutishians Cricket Ground                 | 1                |
| Merton Park Ward | ME0180    | Poplar Primary School Field and Wildlife Area | 1                |
| Merton Park Ward | ME0210    | Rutlish School Playing Fields                 | 1                |
| Merton Park Ward | ME0224    | St. Mary the Virgin Churchyard (Merton)       | 1                |
| Merton Park Ward | ME0227    | St. Mary Glebelands                           | 1                |
| Ravensbury Ward  | ME0149    | Morden Hall Park                              | 3                |
| Ravensbury Ward  | ME0195    | Ravensbury Park                               | 2                |
| Ravensbury Ward  | ME0323    | Morden Hall Garden                            | 2                |
| Raynes Park Ward | ME0028    | Bushey Court Park                             | 1                |
| Raynes Park Ward | ME0093    | Holland Gardens                               | 2                |
| Trinity Ward     | ME0218    | South Park Gardens                            | 1                |
| Village Ward     | ME0004    | Ackinson Morley's Hospital Fields             | 1                |
| Village Ward     | ME0008    | Cannizaro Allotments                          | 1                |
| Village Ward     | ME0013    | Barham Road Playing Fields                    | 1                |
| Village Ward     | ME0017    | Wimbledon Park                                | 3                |
| Village Ward     | ME0023    | Wimbledon Common                              | 4                |
| Village Ward     | ME0029    | Cannizaro Park                                | 2                |
| Village Ward     | MB0041    | Beverly Brook south of Richmond Park          | 1                |
| Village Ward     | MB0043    | Wimbledon Park Golf Club                      | 1                |

| Ward                | Site Ref. | Open Space   | Community Groups |
|---------------------|-----------|--|------------------|
| Village Ward        | ME0226    | St. Mary's Churchyard (Merton)                         | 1                |
| Village Ward        | ME0270    | Fish Ponds Wood and Beverley Mead Local Nature Reserve | 1                |
| West Barnes Ward    | ME0111    | Lessa 119 Grand Drive                                  | 1                |
| Wimbledon Park Ward | ME0052    | District Line  | 1                |
| Wimbledon Park Ward | ME0057    | Durnsford Road Recreation Ground                       | 1                |
| Wimbledon Park Ward | ME0298    | Home Park Road   | 1                |
| Wimbledon Park Ward | ME0300    | Gap Road Pocket Park                                   | 1                |
| Wimbledon Park Ward | ME0306    | Wimbledon Park Primary school                          | 1                |

*Site references can be found in the site list (Appendix A).*

- 4.11 According to the consultation responses Wimbledon Common (Village Ward) is the most used open space, with Morden Hall Park and Wimbledon Park also mentioned by three groups. Wimbledon Common is protected for the preservation of nature conservation and informal recreation. Wimbledon and Putney Common makes up the largest expanse of heathland in the London area and therefore is a popular "wild" space.
- 4.12 Table 3 shows a breakdown of the open spaces mentions during the consultation by Ward.

*Table 3: Number of open spaces per Ward*

| Ward               | Number |
|--------------------|--------|
| Abbey Ward         | 5      |
| Cannon Hill Ward   | 6      |
| Colliers Wood Ward | 2      |
| Cricket Green Ward | 6      |
| Dundonald Ward     | 1      |

| Ward                 | Number |
|----------------------|--------|
| Figge's Marsh Ward   | 2      |
| Graveney Ward        | 2      |
| Hillside Ward        | 1      |
| Lavender Fields Ward | 4      |
| Lower Morden Ward    | 2      |
| Merton Park Ward     | 11     |
| Ravensbury Ward      | 3      |
| Raynes Park Ward     | 2      |
| Trinity Ward         | 1      |
| Village Ward         | 10     |
| West Barnes Ward     | 1      |
| Wimbledon Park Ward  | 5      |

- 4.13 Table 3 shows that the consultation responses indicate Merton Park Ward and Village Ward have the most open space used in Merton. The Village Ward has Wimbledon Common and Wimbledon Park, which are two of the most popular open spaces mentioned in the consultation (see Table 2).
- 4.14 No open spaces were identified through the consultation responses as being used in the Longthornton Ward, Pollards Hill Ward and St. Helier Ward.
- 4.15 PPG17 open space classification guidance was used during the consultation to group open spaces. Table 4 shows the types of open space used by consultees.

*Table 4: Type of open space used by PPG17 Classification*

| Category                                    | Number |
|---|--------|
| Allotments, Community Gardens and City Farm | 2      |
| Amenity Greenspace & Education              | 3      |
| Cemeteries and Churchyards                  | 3      |
| Play Space for Children and Teenagers       | 1      |

| Category                                  | Number |
|---|--------|
| Green Corridors                           | 8      |
| Natural and Semi-Natural Urban Greenspace | 13     |
| Other (Vacant Land)                       | 2      |
| Recreation & Outdoor Sports Facilities    | 18     |
| Parks and Gardens                         | 11     |
| Unclassified (Amenity Greenspace)         | 2      |

- 4.16 Table 4 shows that the most popular open space was outdoor sports facilities, followed by natural and semi-natural urban greenspace and parks and gardens. However green corridors were also popular, especially as commuting routes away from traffic.

Question 2: Do you use open spaces in neighbouring boroughs?

- 4.17 This question received the least responses from consultees. Friends of Wimbledon Park and Capability Brown Society stated that they use the northern section of Wimbledon Park which is in Wandsworth. They also said that they have an appreciation for the Wandle Valley Regional Park, which runs through Merton, Wandsworth, Sutton and Croydon.
- 4.18 The Friends of Holland Park stated that they visit Richmond Park and The Friends of Figge's Marsh stated they visited Tooting Common, Streatham Common and King Georges Park, Wandsworth.
- 4.19 The Friends of Cherrywood Nature Reserve and the Willmore Residents Association stated that they rarely travelled outside Merton to use open spaces.

Question 3: How do you use open space(s) in Merton?

*Access to Nature*

- 4.20 Merton is a metropolitan borough and therefore not all residents have access to a private garden, the ability to travel outside London or the ability to travel to other boroughs to access open spaces. Therefore, many residents use Merton's open spaces to access and connect with nature on a daily, weekly and monthly basis.
- 4.21 Open spaces were also used to appreciate wildlife and nature conservation. It was considered that open spaces can provide opportunities for education to residents, especially children about nature and wildlife. Several groups thought nature conservation and biodiversity could be enhanced and improved with support from the Local Authority.



### *Recreational Activities*

- 4.22 The most popular use of open spaces was formal and informal recreational activities. Open space provides an outdoor space for exercise, play and pursuing hobbies. Having a space to pursue these activities was also identified as an important benefit of open spaces.
- 4.23 Almost all groups used open spaces for walking and dog walking, which was often on a daily basis. Open spaces were also used for other informal exercise such as jogging, Sunday kick about and children's informal play.
- 4.24 Open spaces were also used for more formal sports including tennis, fishing and football. Friends of Cannon Hill highlighted that the Mitcham Common fishing lake was popular due to the accessibility for disabled residents and visitors.
- 4.25 Several consultees also stated that open spaces provide opportunities for children to play using children's playgrounds or informal grassed areas. Several groups highlighted the key importance of having green space for children to access open space, play and socialise.
- 4.26 The Willmore Residents Association, Friends of Cannon Hill and Friends of Holland Garden identified a general concern over childhood obesity. These groups identified access to open spaces for children to exercise and play as a key way to tackle this trend.
- 4.27 Many groups also used the space for pursuing hobbies such as painting, sketching, gardening, allotments and bee keeping. There is a specific opportunity to learn more about horticulture and gardening at Cannizaro Park where you can view the plant collection.

### *Socialising*

- 4.28 Socialising and community events were identified as a popular use of open spaces for residents. Morden Hall Park has a café and garden centre which is a popular meeting space for friends and family. Events are also held in Morden Hall Park and Wimbledon Common, such as community events, fayres and open air theatre productions which is popular in the summer.
- 4.29 Open spaces also provide volunteering opportunities where people can meet other local residents and manage a local green space. The Friends of Wimbledon Park and Capability Brown Society highlighted the opportunity to study the Capability Brown history and landscape at Wimbledon Park.

### *Health and Wellbeing*

- 4.30 Most consultees stated that open spaces were used to improve mental and physical health and wellbeing. Friends of Cannizaro Park stated that open spaces provide residents with a "breath of fresh air" and a peaceful space to relax, away from traffic and the urban environment.

### *Commuting/Movement*

- 4.31 Commuting and moving around the borough on routes away from roads and traffic was seen as an important use of green space by most consultees. Eight green corridors were mentioned during the consultation and were actively used by residents for commuting to work and on the school run.

### Question 4: What do you value about the open space in Merton?

#### *Accessibility and Travel*

- 4.32 Several consultees valued the amount and range of open spaces in Merton from neighbourhood pocket parks to larger open spaces such as Wimbledon Common, because this means there is better accessibility for residents. Willmore End Association said they value *"accessible open space in an urban environment"*.
- 4.33 The Friends of Figge's Marsh stated that they valued green corridors and walking opportunities away from traffic and road, especially for children.

#### *Recreational Activities*

- 4.34 Several consultees identified recreational opportunities as a benefit, however the Wimbledon Society also stated that they valued open spaces for providing recreational opportunities.
- 4.35 Friends of Holland Garden also stated that residents valued the *"opportunities in outdoor activities and enhance people's wellbeing"*.

#### *Sense of Space*

- 4.36 Several consultees valued the sense of space that open spaces provide. Friends of Cannon Hill stated that *"even open spaces you can't access provide a sense of space in an urban environment"*. Furthermore, the John Innes Society stated that open space creates *"an oasis of calm set in a busy urban environment"*.

#### *Environment*

- 4.37 The Wimbledon Society valued the *"air quality"* and *"air cleaning"* potential that open spaces provide.

### Question 5: What do you consider the benefits of Merton's open space are?

#### *Accessibility*

- 4.38 The Friends of Figge's Marsh stated that open spaces *"provide a vital opportunity for communities to come together and for people to meet each other"*. The John Innes Society said that open spaces were particularly beneficial to older and elderly people who live in assisted living or sheltered accommodation, because they often don't have access to open spaces.
- 4.39 The Friends of Cannizaro Park said that Merton benefits from a range of open space provisions within neighbourhoods, which mean that open space is accessible to all residents.

- 4.40 High quality open spaces often attracts people into the area, and people remain in the area because it is a pleasant place to live. The open spaces provide a place for nurseries, schools and parents can bring children to parks and green spaces to learn and socialise.

*Recreation*

- 4.41 Several consultees stated that an important benefit of open space is the provision for formal and informal recreation. Open space encourages residents to walk and cycle, and provides a safe space for children to learn to cycle.
- 4.42 Open space also provides opportunities for residents to take part in sports such as football, tennis, fishing and jogging. Playing pitches provide opportunities for team sports for all ages.

*Health and Wellbeing*

- 4.43 Physical and mental health and wellbeing improvement was also highlighted as a key benefit of open spaces. Groups thought that open space brought residents closer to nature and created a better quality of life for residents.
- 4.44 The Willmore End Residents Association stated that an important benefit of open space is providing opportunities for children to get exercise which will lead to a reduction in childhood obesity. Friends of Holland Garden also stated that access to playing fields for all schools and access to sports facilities helps fight childhood obesity.

*Environmental*

- 4.45 Several consultees identified the benefits of open space and tackling air pollution and climate change. The Willmore End Residents Association stated that open spaces were an important tool in tackling air pollution which can lead to poor health in children and adults. Friends of Figge's Marsh believe that open space provided better air quality and areas to "breathe" away from pollution.
- 4.46 Friends of Holland Park also highlighted the benefit of open space and the potential to tackle air pollution. They stated that trees are highly beneficial as they absorb carbon dioxide which "*assist in fighting pollution*".

Question 6: Do you feel there are any gaps in provision of open space, and if so where?

- 4.47 There was a varied response to this question. Friends of Holland Garden and Friends of Cannizaro Park said there was no gaps in provisions, but felt they could only comment on their own areas.

*Provision of public facilities in Open Spaces*

- 4.48 The Friends of Cherry Wood Nature Reserve stated that there were not enough litter bins provided in open spaces. Friends of Figge's Marsh also supported this view by stating that litter can ruin the experience of open spaces and has wider effects on the environment and wildlife.

- 4.49 The Friends of Durnsford Recreation Ground identified a requirement to increase adult exercise equipment in open spaces. Friends of Durnsford Recreation Ground have previously requested adult exercise provisions but had been refused by LBM. They believe this would provide exercise opportunities for adults, especially in the north east of the borough where there are currently no facilities.

*Protection and increase in amount of Open Spaces*

- 4.50 The Friends of Figge's Marsh highlighted the need to protect allotments in particular from development because they are a key community asset for socialising, exercise and wildlife. They also said that some open spaces within the borough fail to evolve over time.
- 4.51 The Wimbledon Society felt that there should be an increase in pocket parks in the more urbanised town centres. They also raised concerns that there are no "wild areas" within a 5-10 minute walk of the Raynes Park Ward due to recent development. They acknowledged that Wimbledon Common is within a reasonable walking distance, however it would be too far and impractical for some residents to walk to.

*Environment and Biodiversity*

- 4.52 Trees were seen as one of the key benefits of open space as they mitigate the effects of climate change and provide important biodiversity opportunities. However, the Friends of Cherry Wood Nature Reserve, Friends of Mitcham Cricket Green Community and Heritage and Wimbledon Society, wanted to see more tree planting undertaken in open spaces. The Tree Warden Group identified the importance of producing a Tree Strategy for the borough to help identify more areas for tree planting and protect trees from being removed as part of development.
- 4.53 Biodiversity and encouraging wildlife was also a key benefit identified by consultees. The Wimbledon Society felt that there is an opportunity to increase biodiversity further in open spaces.

Question 7: What improvements to the quality of the open space do you think are needed, and who needs to be involved in the funding and implementation?

*Improvements to Accessibility*

- 4.54 Several consultees identified that there needed to be better accessibility to open spaces. The Friends of Figge's Marsh said that many of the open spaces included in the site map and site list provided were not accessible to the public. All open spaces have been included in the consultation even if they are not accessible to the public, because they still have an important function in the overall green infrastructure network. From data provided by GiGL and verified through site surveys undertaken by TEP, an Accessibility Assessment has been completed by GiGL. The Accessibility Assessment will identify gaps in accessibility to open spaces and the results will be considered in the Green Infrastructure, Biodiversity and Open Space Study.

- 4.55 The Friends of Figge's Marsh and Friends of Mitcham Cricket Green Community and Heritage suggested that there could be better communication with private open space landowners, to make private spaces more accessible, for example the Friends of Figge's Marsh stated that Vectis Gardens (in Graveney Ward) were a lovely open space but not accessible, and the Friends of Mitcham Cricket Green Community and Heritage suggested that there were opportunities to improve non-vehicle access to some open spaces.
- 4.56 Access and quality of Public Rights of Way (PRoW) were also highlighted as a concern during the consultation. The Friends of Cannon Hill said that PRoWs were often poorly maintained and should be managed to ensure accessibility for all residents, this would in turn encourage more walking and less dependency on car use. The Friends of Mitcham Cricket Green Community and Heritage also said that there needs to be better protection of PRoW and improvements to the Wandle Trail which is part of the Wandle Valley Regional Park.
- 4.57 The Willmore End Residents Association also suggested improvements to publically accessible paths. They suggested that the Merton Park Green Walk required resurfacing because it has become eroded and becomes easily water logged, which means some residents cannot use the paths easily.

*Physical and Mental Wellbeing*

- 4.58 Physical and mental health and wellbeing was identified as one of the key benefits of open spaces. The John Innes Society highlighted the opportunities of working with mental health groups for financial and physical support. Friends of Kendor Gardens (who did not respond to this consultation) were assisted financially with the maintenance of Kendor Gardens through the John Innes Society and the Mental Health Therapy Group.
- 4.59 Furthermore, the Friends of Cannon Hill suggested that there should be co-operation between the London Borough of Merton, contractors, developers and private landowners to provide free access to sports facilities for children to tackle childhood obesity.
- 4.60 The Battles Area Residents Association also stated that there is work currently underway at Haydons Road Recreation Ground to create a multi-use games area (MUGA), which aims to encourage more children to take part in sport and exercise. They also said that the Battles Area of the borough is mostly terrace housing with limited outdoor space, if any, which means that access to reasonably priced sports and exercise opportunities is even more important than other areas of the borough. An assessment of indoor and outdoor playing pitches has been undertaken in a separate report, which will identify any existing or future need.
- 4.61 The Friends of Mitcham Cricket Green Community and Heritage also suggested that open space should incorporate well designed sports and recreation opportunities which should be supported through planning policy.

### *Nature Conservation and Biodiversity*

- 4.62 Nature conservation and biodiversity was identified as a key benefit and important value of open spaces. Willmore End Residents Association suggested that there should be ecological improvements to encourage more biodiversity. Friends of Mitcham Cricket Green Community and Heritage specifically mentioned the importance of ponds in open space. They suggested that more support and protection should be given for ponds such as The Canons Pond, Cranmer Green Pond and the ponds in Mitcham Common.
- 4.63 The Friends of Cannon Hill suggested that activities such as car boot sales should be stopped on open spaces to allow for improvements in biodiversity. Furthermore the Friends of Figge's Marsh suggested 're-wilding' railway embankments would encourage biodiversity and tackle climate change.
- 4.64 Several consultees suggested that tree planting should be encouraged. The Wimbledon Society and Friends of Mitcham Cricket Green Community and Heritage suggest that new trees should be planted at every opportunity. The Tree Warden Group advised that the importance of a Tree Strategy was highlighted in the currently adopted Local Development Plan, however there was never any allocation of funds or staff to implement this. They believe that a Tree Strategy would make open spaces more resilient to climate change.
- 4.65 The Friends of Durnsford Recreation Ground also suggested that additional tree planting and shrubs would be beneficial for open spaces because it would not only assist in reducing air pollution but provide screening, for example the Gap Road Pocket Part is on a busy intersection and therefore additional trees would provide screening from the traffic and mitigate pollution.

### *Management and Maintenance*

- 4.66 Several consultees commented on the current management and maintenance of open spaces in the borough. This was in regards to funding, communication and support from the Council for community groups.
- 4.67 The Friends of Mitcham Cricket Green Community and Heritage stated that Mitcham Common is the second largest park in Merton and is adjacent to the Wandle Valley Regional Park, therefore a management plan for Mitcham Common would be beneficial. Friends of Figge's Marsh also stated that Mitcham Common should be promoted more as it has all the benefits of Wimbledon Common but is less well known. To increase opportunities and improvement for Cannizaro Park, the Friends of Cannizaro Park have drawn up their own maintenance and improvement plan. The Tree Warden Group stated the importance of a Tree Strategy. The Tree Warden Group believe that the lack of funding means *"there are no up to date management or maintenance plans for the majority of green spaces, which has led to a fall in standards and loss in knowledgeable staff"*.



- 4.68 Friends of Holland Park and the Wimbledon Society both expressed concerns over budget cuts, which have led to short term decisions about maintenance of parks and gardens. Friends of Holland Park stated that these decisions have led to *"outsourcing maintenance to contractors who undertake a low service level"*, furthermore they stated that *"open spaces are irreplaceable and of significant local value to residents and their maintenance should be set at a level that means there is no degradation of these facilities"* and *"well maintained areas instil a sense of pride in an area"*.
- 4.69 Friends of Cannon Hill specifically stated that contractors need to empty bins more frequently. Friends of Figge's Marsh also supported this by stating that litter ruins the experience of open spaces and has negative effects on the environment and wildlife.
- 4.70 Friends of Figge's Marsh state that they have concerns about the use of parks for commercial gains. They acknowledge that events in parks are *"fun in some ways"* and attract people to the area, they also have concerns over the damage events do to parks. Litter picking teams struggle to deal with the amount of litter left over after events and they stated that this was especially the case after an event on Figge's Marsh, where the Friends of Figge's Marsh could see the damage caused from the event for six months afterwards (specific event not provided). While not completely opposed to events in parks, they do believe more support should be provided after the events.

#### *Funding and Implementation*

- 4.71 The Friends of Cannizaro Park suggested a local pool of funds should be set up, using money raised through planning. These funds could be used to support Friends of Groups with the maintenance and improvements to parks. The Friends of Holland Park suggested that if the Government can't provide funding for parks then the Council should bring in open space levy's, for example the Wimbledon Common Conservators Levy (which is now not in operation).
- 4.72 The Friends of Figge's Marsh supported this by saying that there is *"more pressure on community groups to take a leadership role in initiating improvements, financing them, and executing them"*. While they acknowledged that Friends of Groups played an important role they were concerned about the increasing responsibility. They also highlighted that this pressure may either deter new Friends of Groups or lead to them failing to survive, even though there is a lot of community interest in improving parks.
- 4.73 Furthermore Friends of Cannon Hill stated that funding for play spaces needs to be maintained, and there should be funding made available for maintenance of formal play equipment. They also said funding needs to be made available for the eradication of the processionary moth.
- 4.74 However, the Willmore End Residents Associations stated that they have managed to raise almost £400k in the last 11 years, through Lottery funding, London Marathon Fund and other funding pools. They have planted trees, wildflower, constructed a pond and raised funds for tennis courts and changing rooms. However they stated that there were still improvements required for popular green spaces such as Morden Hall Park. This includes resurfacing footpaths, providing better signage and increasing biodiversity opportunities such as ponds.

- 4.75 The John Innes Society also provide financial and physical support to many community groups and projects associated with the John Innes Park. The John Innes Society paid for new fruit trees and railing and gate painting at Church Lane Playing Fields. The Johns Innes Society and Mental Health Therapy Group assisted the Friends of Kendor Gardens Group with the management of the gardens. The Johns Innes Society also provided financial and management support to local church volunteers to plant trees and put up bird boxes.

### **Ongoing Engagement**

- 4.76 All responses received from Friends of Groups, Residents Associations and other community groups and forums, have been considered during the preparation of the Green Infrastructure, Biodiversity and Open Space Study. Responses that are specific to management, maintenance and other issues will be passed onto the relevant teams within the council for consideration. All consultees will have a further opportunity to be involved with and comment on the draft Local Plan as part of the formal Local Plan consultation .



## 5.0 Conclusions

- 5.1 Informal consultation was undertaken with a variety of interested community groups to understand the use and value of Merton's open spaces.
- 5.2 27 community groups were consulted including 20 Friends of the Parks Groups, 2 Residents Associations and 5 other community groups. There was a total of 17 responses received from 9 Friends of the Parks Groups, 3 Residents Associations and 5 other community groups.
- 5.3 65 open spaces were mentioned in the responses across 17 Wards. Wimbledon Common in the Village Ward was most used, followed by Morden Hall Park and Wimbledon Park. The Merton Park Ward and Village Wards had the most used open spaces. However, no responses were received on open spaces used in Longthornton Ward, Pollards Hill Ward and St. Helier Ward.
- 5.4 The most popular type of open space was outdoor sports facilities, followed by natural and semi-natural urban greenspace and parks and gardens.
- 5.5 There were very few open spaces used beyond Merton. Tooting Common, Streatham Common and King Georges Park in Wandsworth were mentioned but it was felt that there were sufficient open spaces within Merton that residents didn't need to travel to neighbouring boroughs.
- 5.6 Consultees used open spaces mostly for accessing nature, formal and informal recreation, improving health and wellbeing, socialising and for getting around the borough away from roads.
- 5.7 Consultees considered open spaces in Merton to have a high environmental and social value. Consultees valued accessibility to open spaces in the urban environment, opportunities for recreation, a sense of space and the contribution that open spaces make to air quality.
- 5.8 All consultees believed there were several benefits of Merton's open spaces. Consultees stated that Merton benefits from a wide range of accessible open spaces, which indicates that all residents can access open spaces close to their homes. Furthermore, open spaces benefit the community by providing space for recreational activities and opportunities to improve health and wellbeing. Open spaces also provide an environmental benefit by improving air quality and reducing pollution.
- 5.9 The gaps in provisions of facilities in open spaces were identified mainly as provisions such as litter bins and adult exercise equipment. Also open spaces such as allotments need to be protected from development as they provide opportunities for recreation, socialising and wildlife. Consultees also wanted to see additional opportunities in open spaces for biodiversity.
- 5.10 Consultees suggested that improvements could be made in the accessibility of privately owned open spaces and footpaths and PRowS. They also suggested that working relationships and communication between community groups, contractors and the Council will make management and maintenance of open spaces easier and of a higher standard. Improvements to nature conservation, biodiversity and "wild" areas was also highlighted.

- 5.11 Funding and support for community groups also a key concern of consultees. It was suggested that additional funding could be made available or additional charges through planning be considered to ensure the management of open spaces. Consultees also stated that Management Plans would assist in the management, maintenance and improvement of open spaces, especially larger open spaces such as Mitcham Common.

## **APPENDIX A: Consultation Covering Letter, Site List and Map**

21<sup>st</sup> December 2018

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Dear Stakeholder

## CONSULTATION FOR THE LONDON BOROUGH OF MERTON – OPEN SPACES

The Environment Partnership (TEP) has been commissioned by the London Borough of Merton to undertake a Green Infrastructure, Biodiversity and Open Space Strategy to provide an up to date and robust evidence base for the new Merton Local Plan.

The Green Infrastructure, Biodiversity and Open Space Strategy will not only support the new Local Plan (2020) but will also inform the Infrastructure Needs Assessment, support the Council's health and wellbeing priorities, and provide updates for Merton's Greenspaces and Leisure Team.

Open space provides opportunities for people to meet, interact, play, relax or get involved in community activities. High quality open space also has a positive impact on people's mental and physical health by providing safe and accessible opportunities to be physically active and access nature.

The London Borough of Merton has a diverse range of open spaces including parks, sports provision, play spaces, natural and semi-natural greenspace, allotments and green corridors.

As one of the "Friends of the Parks" groups within Merton, you have previously indicated that you would like to take part in consultation on open spaces in the borough. We are now seeking your views; your response will help to inform the assessment as part of the production of the strategy.

### How to respond:

We have enclosed a map and list of open spaces in Merton for your reference. Please use the site references and site names in your answers so we can easily relate them to the assessment.

Please consider some or all of the following questions in your response:

- Which open space(s) do you use in Merton?
- Do you use open spaces in neighbouring boroughs?
- How do you use open space(s) in Merton?




- What do you value about the open spaces in Merton?
- What do you consider the benefits of Merton's open space are?
- Do you feel there are any gaps in provision of open space, and if so where?
- What improvements to the quality of the open space do you think are needed, and who needs to be involved in the funding and implementation?

Please send your response in writing to us by **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January** to [luraschofield@tep.uk.com](mailto:luraschofield@tep.uk.com) or by post to TEP, Birchwood Science Park, Warrington, WA3 7BH.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me, or the Future Merton team ([future.merton@merton.gov.uk](mailto:future.merton@merton.gov.uk)).

Yours faithfully



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Enc: Merton Open Spaces Map and List of Sites  
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## London Borough of Merton Open Space Site List

| Ward             | Site Reference | Site Name   | PPG17 Classification                         | Primary Use         |
|------------------|----------------|---|--|---------------------|
| Abbey Ward       | Me 0001        | Abbey Recreation Ground                             | Outdoor Sports Facilities                    | Recreation ground   |
| Abbey Ward       | Me 0006        | All Saints Recreation Ground                        | Outdoor Sports Facilities                    | Recreation ground   |
| Abbey Ward       | Me 0050        | Deen City Farm (Bunce's Meadow)                     | Allotments, Community Gardens and City Farms | City farm           |
| Abbey Ward       | Me 0099        | Jubilee Way Verge                                   | Green Corridors                              | Road island/verge   |
| Abbey Ward       | Me 0128        | Land Adjacent River Wandle - Merton Abbey Mills     | Natural and Semi-natural Urban Greenspace    | Nature reserve      |
| Abbey Ward       | Me 0129        | Merton Abbey Primary School                         | Amenity                                      | Educational         |
| Abbey Ward       | Me 0133        | Merton Park Green Walk                              | Natural and Semi-natural Urban Greenspace    | Nature reserve      |
| Abbey Ward       | Me 0160        | Nelson Gardens Open Space                           | Parks and Gardens                            | Park                |
| Abbey Ward       | Me 0165        | Nursery Road Playing Field                          | Outdoor Sports Facilities                    | Playing fields      |
| Abbey Ward       | Me 0225        | St Mary's Church (Merton)                           | Cemeteries and Churchyards                   | Cemetery/churchyard |
| Abbey Ward       | Me 0228        | St Mary's RC Primary School Nature Area             | Amenity                                      | Educational         |
| Abbey Ward       | Me 0275        | Priory Wall Open Space Walk                         | Green Corridors                              | River               |
| Abbey Ward       | Me 0278        | Leylon Road Early Years and Family Resources Centre | Outdoor Sports Facilities                    | Recreation ground   |
| Abbey Ward       | Me 0279        | All Saints C Of E Primary School Open Space         | Outdoor Sports Facilities                    | Playing fields      |
| Abbey Ward       | Me 0302        | Hamilton Gardens Open Space                         | Unclassified                                 | Amenity green space |
| Abbey Ward       | Me 0303        | Trafalgar Garden                                    | Unclassified                                 | Amenity green space |
| Abbey Ward       | Me 0308        | Hardy Gardens Open Space                            | Unclassified                                 | Amenity green space |
| Cannon Hill Ward | Me 0027        | Bushey Road Green Areas                             | Green Corridors                              | Road island/verge   |
| Cannon Hill Ward | Me 0030        | Cannon Hill Common (Canons Piece)                   | Natural and Semi-natural Urban Greenspace    | Common              |
| Cannon Hill Ward | Me 0031        | Cannon Hill Common Allotments                       | Allotments, Community Gardens and City Farms | Allotments          |
| Cannon Hill Ward | Me 0035        | Cherrywood Open Space                               | Natural and Semi-natural Urban Greenspace    | Nature reserve      |
| Cannon Hill Ward | Me 0040        | Central Ward Residents Club Open Space              | Outdoor Sports Facilities                    | Other recreational  |
| Cannon Hill Ward | Me 0049        | David Lloyds Racquet and Fitness Centre             | Outdoor Sports Facilities                    | Other recreational  |
| Cannon Hill Ward | Me 0091        | Hillcross Primary School                            | Outdoor Sports Facilities                    | Playing fields      |
| Cannon Hill Ward | Me 0098        | Joseph Hood Rereation Ground                        | Outdoor Sports Facilities                    | Recreation ground   |
| Cannon Hill Ward | Me 0125        | Martin Way Leisure Garden                           | Allotments, Community Gardens and City Farms | Community garden    |
| Cannon Hill Ward | Me 0126        | Martin Way Leisure Garden Site West                 | Allotments, Community Gardens and City Farms | Allotments          |

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|--------------------|----------------|---|--|-----------------------------|
| Cannon Hill Ward   | Me 0135        | Merton Mansions Gardens (Bushey Road Green Areas)                                 | Amenity                                      | Landscaping around premises |
| Cannon Hill Ward   | Me 0136        | Messines Playing Field (Prince George's Playing Field South)                      | Outdoor Sports Facilities                    | Playing fields              |
| Cannon Hill Ward   | Me 0151        | Morden Park and surrounds   | Parks and Gardens                            | Park                        |
| Cannon Hill Ward   | Me 0155        | Mordon Park East  | Outdoor Sports Facilities                    | Playing fields              |
| Cannon Hill Ward   | Me 0181        | Prince George's Field   | Outdoor Sports Facilities                    | Playing fields              |
| Cannon Hill Ward   | Me 0182        | Prince George's Playing Field South   | Other  | Vacant land                 |
| Cannon Hill Ward   | Me 0194        | Railway Wimbledon to London Road  | Green Corridors                              | Railway cutting             |
| Cannon Hill Ward   | Me 0198        | Raynes Park FC and Rough Grassland to South (Prince George's Playing Field South) | Outdoor Sports Facilities                    | Playing fields              |
| Cannon Hill Ward   | Me 0200        | Raynes Park Playing Fields  | Outdoor Sports Facilities                    | Playing fields              |
| Cannon Hill Ward   | Me 0239        | The Paddock Allotments (Cannon Hill Common)                                       | Allotments, Community Gardens and City Farms | Allotments                  |
| Cannon Hill Ward   | Me 0288        | Botsford Road Open Space  | Unclassified                                 | Amenity green space         |
| Cannon Hill Ward   | Me 0289        | Haynt Walk Open Space   | Unclassified                                 | Amenity green space         |
| Colliers Wood Ward | Me 0036        | Christchurch Road Verge   | Green Corridors                              | Road island/verge           |
| Colliers Wood Ward | Me 0039        | Colliers Wood Recreation Ground   | Outdoor Sports Facilities                    | Recreation ground           |
| Colliers Wood Ward | Me 0176        | Planting around industrial estate/Retail Park                                     | Green Corridors                              | Road island/verge           |
| Colliers Wood Ward | Me 0189        | Railsides Tooting to A24 road bridge  | Green Corridors                              | Railway cutting             |
| Colliers Wood Ward | Me 0212        | Sainsbiry's Border  | Amenity                                      | Landscaping around premises |
| Colliers Wood Ward | Me 0248        | Wandle Park (Merton)  | Parks and Gardens                            | Park                        |
| Colliers Wood Ward | Me 0312        | laen by industrial buildings  | Amenity                                      | Landscaping around premises |
| Colliers Wood Ward | Me 0320        | verge by Merton High Street and Priory Road                                       | Green Corridors                              | Road island/verge           |
| Colliers Wood Ward | Me 0321        | land around Eddie Catz warehouse  | Amenity                                      | Landscaping around premises |
| Cricket Green Ward | MB 0016        | River Wandle  | Green Corridors                              | River                       |
| Cricket Green Ward | Me 0016        | Benedict Primary School   | Amenity                                      | Educational                 |
| Cricket Green Ward | Me 0020        | Land Adjacent River Wandle - Brangwyn Crescent                                    | Parks and Gardens                            | Park                        |

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|--------------------|----------------|--|--|-----------------------------|
| Cricket Green Ward | Me 0023        | Land Adjacent River Wandle - Brooklands Park Housing Development | Amenity                                      | Landscaping around premises |
| Cricket Green Ward | Me 0025        | Land Adjacent River Wandle - Bunce's Meadow                      | Natural and Semi-natural Urban Greenspace    | Nature reserve              |
| Cricket Green Ward | Me 0032        | The Canons   | Outdoor Sports Facilities                    | Recreation ground           |
| Cricket Green Ward | Me 0045        | Cranmer Green  | Natural and Semi-natural Urban Greenspace    | Nature reserve              |
| Cricket Green Ward | Me 0046        | Cranmer Primary School Tree Belt                                 | Amenity                                      | Educational                 |
| Cricket Green Ward | Me 0047        | Cricket Green School   | Amenity                                      | Educational                 |
| Cricket Green Ward | Me 0077        | Glebe Square   | Amenity                                      | Landscaping around premises |
| Cricket Green Ward | Me 0079        | Grammer Primary School Playing Fields                            | Outdoor Sports Facilities                    | Playing fields              |
| Cricket Green Ward | Me 0080        | Grebe Court  | Amenity                                      | Landscaping around premises |
| Cricket Green Ward | Me 0086        | Hasslemere Primary School  | Amenity                                      | Educational                 |
| Cricket Green Ward | Me 0105        | Caesars Walk Open Space  | Amenity                                      | Amenity green space         |
| Cricket Green Ward | Me 0106        | Land between Linden Place and Baron Grove                        | Outdoor Sports Facilities                    | Other recreational          |
| Cricket Green Ward | Me 0112        | Lewis Road recreation Ground                                     | Outdoor Sports Facilities                    | Recreation ground           |
| Cricket Green Ward | Me 0116        | London Road Playing Fields                                       | Parks and Gardens                            | Park                        |
| Cricket Green Ward | Me 0137        | Miles Road Open Space  | Parks and Gardens                            | Park                        |
| Cricket Green Ward | Me 0139        | Mitcham Common   | Natural and Semi-natural Urban Greenspace    | Common                      |
| Cricket Green Ward | Me 0140        | Mitcham Common (Golf Course)                                     | Outdoor Sports Facilities                    | Golf course                 |
| Cricket Green Ward | Me 0141        | Cricket Green  | Amenity                                      | Village green               |
| Cricket Green Ward | Me 0143        | Mitcham Garden Village   | Allotments, Community Gardens and City Farms | Community garden            |
| Cricket Green Ward | Me 0144        | Vestry Hall Green (also known as Lower Green)                    | Amenity                                      | Amenity green space         |
| Cricket Green Ward | Me 0146        | Mitcham Sports Ground  | Outdoor Sports Facilities                    | Playing fields              |
| Cricket Green Ward | Me 0174        | Cherry Tree Estate Open Space                                    | Outdoor Sports Facilities                    | Other recreational          |
| Cricket Green Ward | Me 0175        | Phipps Bridge Road Allotments                                    | Allotments, Community Gardens and City Farms | Allotments                  |
| Cricket Green Ward | Me 0191        | Railway Lines through Mitchem Common                             | Green Corridors                              | Railway embankment          |
| Cricket Green Ward | Me 0207        | Rock Terrace Recreation Ground                                   | Parks and Gardens                            | Park                        |
| Cricket Green Ward | Me 0229        | St Peter and St Paul Churchyard                                  | Cemeteries and Churchyards                   | Cemetery/churchyard         |



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|--------------------|----------------|---|---|-----------------------------|
| Cricket Green Ward | Me 0235        | Sycamore Woodland Block                                   | Natural and Semi-natural Urban Greenspace | Private woodland            |
| Cricket Green Ward | Me 0240        | The Wilson  | Amenity                                   | Landscaping around premises |
| Cricket Green Ward | Me 0242        | Three Kings Piece Open Space                              | Outdoor Sports Facilities                 | Recreation ground           |
| Cricket Green Ward | Me 0244        | Tramway Morden Road - Mitcham Junction                    | Other                                     | Other                       |
| Cricket Green Ward | Me 0245        | Tramway South of Belgrave Walk                            | Other                                     | Other                       |
| Cricket Green Ward | Me 0251        | Watermeads  | Natural and Semi-natural Urban Greenspace | Nature reserve              |
| Cricket Green Ward | Me 0272        | Police Green Cricket Green                                | Amenity                                   | Village green               |
| Cricket Green Ward | Me 0309        | woods in Mitcham Common Golf Course                       | Natural and Semi-natural Urban Greenspace | Private woodland            |
| Cricket Green Ward | Me 0310        | traffic island near Mitcham Common                        | Unclassified                              | Road island/verge           |
| Cricket Green Ward | Me 0314        | Bennett's Hole  | Natural and Semi-natural Urban Greenspace | Nature reserve              |
| Cricket Green Ward | Me 0315        | wasteland between warehouses and the River Wandle         | Other                                     | Vacant land                 |
| Cricket Green Ward | Me 0316        | National Trust land in Merton Hall Park - private gardens | Parks and Gardens                         | Formal garden               |
| Cricket Green Ward | Me 0317        | Land Adjacent River Wandle - fragment                     | Unclassified                              | Private woodland            |
| Cricket Green Ward | Me 0318        | grassy verge beside bridge over Wandle                    | Other                                     | Vacant land                 |
| Cricket Green Ward | Me 0319        | Land Adjacent River Wandle - Wandle Trail                 | Natural and Semi-natural Urban Greenspace | Nature reserve              |
| Cricket Green Ward | Me 0324        | Richmond Court park                                       | Amenity                                   | Landscaping around premises |
| Cricket Green Ward | Me 0325        | landscaping outside Richmond Court                        | Unclassified                              | Road island/verge           |
| Cricket Green Ward | Su 0015        | Beddington Corner Landfill                                | Other                                     | Land reclamation            |
| Cricket Green Ward | Su 0021        | Beddington Sewage Farm                                    | Other                                     | Sewage/water works          |
| Cricket Green Ward | Su 0139        | Land North of Goat Road                                   | Other                                     | Vacant land                 |
| Cricket Green Ward | Su 0162        | Mill Green  | Amenity                                   | Village green               |
| Cricket Green Ward | Su 0167        | Mitcham Common Tramway                                    | Green Corridors                           | Railway embankment          |
| Cricket Green Ward | Su 0212        | Railway Line Beddington                                   | Green Corridors                           | Railway embankment          |
| Dundonald Ward     | Me 0053        | Dundonald Recreation Ground                               | Outdoor Sports Facilities                 | Recreation ground           |
| Dundonald Ward     | Me 0090        | Herbert Road Park   | Amenity                                   | Amenity green space         |
| Dundonald Ward     | Me 0120        | Lower Downs Road Bowling Green and Car Park               | Outdoor Sports Facilities                 | Other recreational          |

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|--------------------|----------------|--|--|-----------------------------|
| Dundonald Ward     | Me 0237        | The Chase  | Green Corridors                              | Road island/verge           |
| Dundonald Ward     | Me 0243        | Tramlink Wimbledon - Dondonald Road                  | Other  | Other                       |
| Dundonald Ward     | Me 0258        | Wilton Tennis Club                                   | Outdoor Sports Facilities                    | Other recreational          |
| Dundonald Ward     | Me 0260        | Wimbledon Chase Primary School Field                 | Amenity                                      | Educational                 |
| Dundonald Ward     | Me 0290        | Dennis Park Crescent Open Space                      | Unclassified                                 | Road island/verge           |
| Figge's Marsh Ward | Me 0015        | Beecholme Primary School                             | Amenity                                      | Educational                 |
| Figge's Marsh Ward | Me 0018        | Bond Primary School                                  | Amenity                                      | Educational                 |
| Figge's Marsh Ward | Me 0021        | Brenley Park   | Outdoor Sports Facilities                    | Playing fields              |
| Figge's Marsh Ward | Me 0038        | Clay Avenue/Acacia Road Housing Green                | Amenity                                      | Landscaping around premises |
| Figge's Marsh Ward | Me 0059        | Eastfield Road Allotments                            | Allotments, Community Gardens and City Farms | Allotments                  |
| Figge's Marsh Ward | Me 0067        | Figge's Marsh  | Outdoor Sports Facilities                    | Playing fields              |
| Figge's Marsh Ward | Me 0083        | Grounds of Renshaw Corner                            | Amenity                                      | Landscaping around premises |
| Figge's Marsh Ward | Me 0104        | Laburnum Road Housing Estate                         | Amenity                                      | Landscaping around premises |
| Figge's Marsh Ward | Me 0117        | Lonesome Primary School                              | Amenity                                      | Educational                 |
| Figge's Marsh Ward | Me 0142        | Upper Green (also known as Fair Green)               | Amenity                                      | Village green               |
| Figge's Marsh Ward | Me 0169        | Old Mitcham Vale School Acacia Road Site             | Outdoor Sports Facilities                    | Playing fields              |
| Figge's Marsh Ward | Me 0217        | South London Crematorium and Streatham Park Cemetery | Cemeteries and Churchyards                   | Cemetery/churchyard         |
| Figge's Marsh Ward | Me 0236        | Thameslink Railway between Streatham-Mitcham Common  | Green Corridors                              | Railway cutting             |
| Figge's Marsh Ward | Me 0255        | Western Road Estate                                  | Amenity                                      | Landscaping around premises |
| Figge's Marsh Ward | Me 0284        | Three Kings Piece Open Space                         | Outdoor Sports Facilities                    | Recreation ground           |
| Figge's Marsh Ward | Me 0285        | Lawn outside Veronica House                          | Amenity                                      | Landscaping around premises |
| Figge's Marsh Ward | Me 0311        | scrubby road verge near Mitcham Common               | Green Corridors                              | Road island/verge           |
| Graveney Ward      | Me 0060        | Edenvale Play Area                                   | Outdoor Sports Facilities                    | Recreation ground           |
| Graveney Ward      | Me 0092        | Hill Road Allotments, North Mitcham                  | Allotments, Community Gardens and City Farms | Allotments                  |

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| Graveney Ward        | Me 0145        | Mitcham Industrial Estate verge adjacent to Streatham Road.    | Green Corridors                              | Road island/verge           |
| Graveney Ward        | Me 0188        | Railsides between Tooting and Streatham on Sutton line         | Green Corridors                              | Railway cutting             |
| Graveney Ward        | Me 0214        | Vectis Gardens Open Space                                      | Green Corridors                              | Road island/verge           |
| Graveney Ward        | Me 0234        | Streatham Vale Railway Embankment                              | Green Corridors                              | Railway embankment          |
| Hillside Ward        | Me 0164        | Nursary Road Field   | Outdoor Sports Facilities                    | Playing fields              |
| Hillside Ward        | Me 0187        | Queen Alexander's Court  | Allotments, Community Gardens and City Farms | Community garden            |
| Hillside Ward        | Me 0192        | Railway Path   | Green Corridors                              | Walking/cycling route       |
| Hillside Ward        | Me 0211        | Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church                             | Amenity                                      | Landscaping around premises |
| Hillside Ward        | Me 0261        | Wimbledon College Loyola Centre                                | Outdoor Sports Facilities                    | Playing fields              |
| Hillside Ward        | Me 0291        | Edge Hill Court North  | Amenity                                      | Amenity green space         |
| Hillside Ward        | Me 0292        | Edge Hill Court South  | Amenity                                      | Amenity green space         |
| Hillside Ward        | Me 0301        | Galustian Gardens Open Space                                   | Unclassified                                 | Landscaping around premises |
| Lavender Fields Ward | Me 0064        | Eveline Road Allotments  | Allotments, Community Gardens and City Farms | Allotments                  |
| Lavender Fields Ward | Me 0107        | Tamworth Farm Recreation Ground                                | Children and Teenagers                       | Play space                  |
| Lavender Fields Ward | Me 0108        | Lavender Park  | Outdoor Sports Facilities                    | Recreation ground           |
| Lavender Fields Ward | Me 0113        | Liberty Primary School   | Amenity                                      | Educational                 |
| Lavender Fields Ward | Me 0114        | London Road Allotments   | Allotments, Community Gardens and City Farms | Allotments                  |
| Lavender Fields Ward | Me 0115        | London Road Cemetery   | Cemeteries and Churchyards                   | Cemetery/churchyard         |
| Lavender Fields Ward | Me 0159        | Myrna Close Open Space   | Natural and Semi-natural Urban Greenspace    | Nature reserve              |
| Lavender Fields Ward | Me 0249        | Wandle Tributary/Branch  | Green Corridors                              | River                       |
| Lavender Fields Ward | Me 0250        | Wasteland/abandoned allotments north of London Road allotments | Other  | Other                       |
| Lavender Fields Ward | Me 0254        | Western Road Allotments (Merton)                               | Allotments, Community Gardens and City Farms | Allotments                  |
| Lavender Fields Ward | Me 0276        | River Wandle Tributary by Bennets Court                        | Green Corridors                              | River                       |
| Longthornton Ward    | Me 0048        | Crossways Sports Ground  | Outdoor Sports Facilities                    | Playing fields              |
| Longthornton Ward    | Me 0061        | Elmwood Tennis Club  | Outdoor Sports Facilities                    | Other recreational          |

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| Longthornton Ward | Me 0062        | Eltandia Hall Care Centre                            | Amenity                    | Landscaping around premises |
| Longthornton Ward | Me 0118        | Long Bolstead Recreation Ground                      | Outdoor Sports Facilities  | Recreation ground           |
| Longthornton Ward | Me 0121        | Lower League, Norbury                                | Outdoor Sports Facilities  | Playing fields              |
| Longthornton Ward | Me 0147        | Rowan Park   | Parks and Gardens          | Park                        |
| Longthornton Ward | Me 0163        | Lyndhurst Recreation Ground                          | Outdoor Sports Facilities  | Recreation ground           |
| Longthornton Ward | Me 0166        | Oakleigh Way Recreation Ground                       | Outdoor Sports Facilities  | Recreation ground           |
| Longthornton Ward | Me 0208        | Rowen Road Recreation Ground                         | Outdoor Sports Facilities  | Recreation ground           |
| Longthornton Ward | Me 0232        | Stanford Community Woodland                          | Amenity                    | Educational                 |
| Longthornton Ward | Me 0246        | Vacant Land west of Chilmark Road                    | Other                      | Vacant land                 |
| Longthornton Ward | Me 0271        | Stanford Road Play Space                             | Amenity                    | Amenity green space         |
| Lower Morden Ward | MB 0012        | Pyl Brook  | Green Corridors            | River                       |
| Lower Morden Ward | Me 0009        | Aragon Primary School (King George's Playing Fields) | Outdoor Sports Facilities  | Playing fields              |
| Lower Morden Ward | Me 0019        | Bow Lane Scout Centre                                | Outdoor Sports Facilities  | Other recreational          |
| Lower Morden Ward | Me 0041        | Coniston Close Housing Green                         | Amenity                    | Landscaping around premises |
| Lower Morden Ward | Me 0054        | Dornan Fields  | Outdoor Sports Facilities  | Playing fields              |
| Lower Morden Ward | Me 0088        | Hatfield Primary School                              | Amenity                    | Educational                 |
| Lower Morden Ward | Me 0101        | King Georges Field                                   | Outdoor Sports Facilities  | Playing fields              |
| Lower Morden Ward | Me 0130        | Merton and Sutton Joint Cemetery                     | Cemeteries and Churchyards | Cemetery/churchyard         |
| Lower Morden Ward | Me 0148        | Morden Cemetery                                      | Cemeteries and Churchyards | Cemetery/churchyard         |
| Lower Morden Ward | Me 0185        | Pyl Brook Open Space                                 | Amenity                    | Amenity green space         |
| Lower Morden Ward | Me 0213        | Lynmouth Gardens                                     | Parks and Gardens          | Park                        |
| Lower Morden Ward | Me 0216        | Sir Joseph Hood Memorial Playing Fields              | Outdoor Sports Facilities  | Playing fields              |

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|--------------------|----------------|--|--|-----------------------------|
| Lower Morden Ward  | Me 0222        | St John Fisher Primary School                    | Amenity                                      | Educational                 |
| Lower Morden Ward  | Su 0171        | Northern end of Green Lane and footpath to south | Green Corridors                              | Walking/cycling route       |
| Lower Morden Ward  | Su 0194        | Pasture Fields North of Morden Cemetery          | Other Urban Fringe                           | Agriculture                 |
| Lower Morden Ward  | Su 0520        | Unknown62Sutton                                  | Green Corridors                              | Road island/verge           |
| Merton Park Ward   | Me 0037        | Church Lane Playing Fields                       | Outdoor Sports Facilities                    | Other recreational          |
| Merton Park Ward   | Me 0044        | Cranleigh Lawn Tennis and Social Club            | Outdoor Sports Facilities                    | Other recreational          |
| Merton Park Ward   | Me 0095        | John Innes Park                                  | Parks and Gardens                            | Park                        |
| Merton Park Ward   | Me 0096        | John Innes Recreation Ground                     | Outdoor Sports Facilities                    | Playing fields              |
| Merton Park Ward   | Me 0100        | Kendor Gardens                                   | Parks and Gardens                            | Park                        |
| Merton Park Ward   | Me 0157        | Mostyn Gardens (Merton)                          | Parks and Gardens                            | Park                        |
| Merton Park Ward   | Me 0161        | Nelson Hospital                                  | Other  | Other                       |
| Merton Park Ward   | Me 0170        | Old Rutishians Cricket Ground                    | Outdoor Sports Facilities                    | Playing fields              |
| Merton Park Ward   | Me 0179        | Poplar Primary School Field                      | Amenity                                      | Educational                 |
| Merton Park Ward   | Me 0180        | Poplar Primary School Wildlife Area              | Natural and Semi-natural Urban Greenspace    | Nature reserve              |
| Merton Park Ward   | Me 0210        | Rutlish School Playing Fields                    | Outdoor Sports Facilities                    | Playing fields              |
| Merton Park Ward   | Me 0224        | St Mary the Virgin Churchyard (Merton)           | Cemeteries and Churchyards                   | Cemetery/churchyard         |
| Merton Park Ward   | Me 0227        | St Mary Gleblands                                | Natural and Semi-natural Urban Greenspace    | Nature reserve              |
| Merton Park Ward   | Me 0322        | verge beside Morden Hall Park                    | Green Corridors                              | Road island/verge           |
| Pollards Hill Ward | Me 0070        | Garden Primary School                            | Amenity                                      | Educational                 |
| Pollards Hill Ward | Me 0085        | Harris Academy Merton                            | Amenity                                      | Educational                 |
| Pollards Hill Ward | Me 0124        | Marlowe Square Open Space                        | Amenity                                      | Landscaping around premises |
| Pollards Hill Ward | Me 0162        | New Barnes Avenue Allotments                     | Allotments, Community Gardens and City Farms | Allotments                  |
| Pollards Hill Ward | Me 0177        | Donnelly Green Open Space                        | Amenity                                      | Amenity green space         |
| Pollards Hill Ward | Me 0202        | Pollards Hill O/S                                | Outdoor Sports Facilities                    | Recreation ground           |

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| Pollards Hill Ward | Me 0206        | Robinhood Close Open Space                                      | Outdoor Sports Facilities | Other recreational          |
| Pollards Hill Ward | Me 0215        | Sherwood Park Road Open Space                                   | Outdoor Sports Facilities | Recreation ground           |
| Pollards Hill Ward | Me 0257        | William Morris Primary School Field (Recreation Lane Open Land) | Amenity                   | Educational                 |
| Pollards Hill Ward | Me 0304        | Recreation Way Open Space                                       | Parks and Gardens         | Road island/verge           |
| Pollards Hill Ward | Me 0305        | Hertford Way Open Space   | Amenity                   | Road island/verge           |
| Ravensbury Ward    | Me 0017        | Bishopsford Community School                                    | Outdoor Sports Facilities | Playing fields              |
| Ravensbury Ward    | Me 0051        | Deer Park Gardens   | Outdoor Sports Facilities | Other recreational          |
| Ravensbury Ward    | Me 0122        | Malmesbury Primary School                                       | Amenity                   | Educational                 |
| Ravensbury Ward    | Me 0149        | Morden Hall Park  | Parks and Gardens         | Park                        |
| Ravensbury Ward    | Me 0150        | Morden Hall Road Verge  | Green Corridors           | Road island/verge           |
| Ravensbury Ward    | Me 0156        | Moreton Green   | Amenity                   | Amenity green space         |
| Ravensbury Ward    | Me 0195        | Ravensbury Park   | Parks and Gardens         | Park                        |
| Ravensbury Ward    | Me 0230        | St Teresas Primary School                                       | Outdoor Sports Facilities | Playing fields              |
| Ravensbury Ward    | Me 0238        | The Hub   | Outdoor Sports Facilities | Playing fields              |
| Ravensbury Ward    | Me 0273        | Water Meads Open Space  | Parks and Gardens         | Park                        |
| Ravensbury Ward    | Me 0307        | Moreton Green   | Amenity                   | Amenity green space         |
| Ravensbury Ward    | Me 0313        | section of Wandle walk  | Unclassified              | Walking/cycling route       |
| Ravensbury Ward    | Me 0323        | Morden Hall Garden Centre                                       | Amenity                   | Landscaping around premises |
| Ravensbury Ward    | Me 0326        | Ravensbury Park Medical Centre grounds                          | Amenity                   | Landscaping around premises |
| Ravensbury Ward    | Su 0201        | Poulter Park  | Parks and Gardens         | Park                        |
| Ravensbury Ward    | Su 0228        | Roadside Verges   | Green Corridors           | Road island/verge           |
| Raynes Park Ward   | MB 0010        | Malden Golf Course  | Outdoor Sports Facilities | Golf course                 |
| Raynes Park Ward   | Me 0003        | Aboyne Drive  | Green Corridors           | Road island/verge           |
| Raynes Park Ward   | Me 0028        | Bushey Court Park   | Green Corridors           | Road island/verge           |
| Raynes Park Ward   | Me 0043        | Cottenham Park  | Outdoor Sports Facilities | Recreation ground           |
| Raynes Park Ward   | Me 0078        | Goals Soccer Centres  | Outdoor Sports Facilities | Playing fields              |

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|------------------|----------------|--|--|-----------------------------|
| Raynes Park Ward | Me 0093        | Holland Gardens Open Space   | Parks and Gardens                            | Park                        |
| Raynes Park Ward | Me 0171        | Old Wimbledonians Field  | Outdoor Sports Facilities                    | Playing fields              |
| Raynes Park Ward | Me 0190        | Railway Borough Boundary West Wimbledon Satation                     | Green Corridors                              | Railway embankment          |
| Raynes Park Ward | Me 0196        | Raynes Park - Bushey Road Railway Cutting                            | Green Corridors                              | Railway cutting             |
| Raynes Park Ward | Me 0197        | Raynes Park Bowling Club (Raynes Park Sports Ground)                 | Outdoor Sports Facilities                    | Other recreational          |
| Raynes Park Ward | Me 0201        | Raynes Park Sports Ground  | Outdoor Sports Facilities                    | Playing fields              |
| Raynes Park Ward | Me 0233        | Stourhead Gardens Green  | Green Corridors                              | Walking/cycling route       |
| Raynes Park Ward | Me 0253        | West Wimbledon Bowling Club  | Outdoor Sports Facilities                    | Other recreational          |
| Raynes Park Ward | Me 0262        | Wimbledon College Playing Field                                      | Outdoor Sports Facilities                    | Playing fields              |
| Raynes Park Ward | Me 0269        | World of Golf at Beverley Park                                       | Outdoor Sports Facilities                    | Other recreational          |
| Raynes Park Ward | Me 0274        | Beverley Brook - Wet Triangle  | Other  | Vacant land                 |
| St. Helier Ward  | MB 0046        | Love Lane Verge  | Green Corridors                              | Road island/verge           |
| St. Helier Ward  | Me 0002        | Abbotsbury School  | Outdoor Sports Facilities                    | Playing fields              |
| St. Helier Ward  | Me 0033        | Canterbury Road Verge  | Green Corridors                              | Road island/verge           |
| St. Helier Ward  | Me 0034        | St Anns Secondary School Playing Fields                              | Outdoor Sports Facilities                    | Playing fields              |
| St. Helier Ward  | Me 0055        | Douglas Square   | Amenity                                      | Landscaping around premises |
| St. Helier Ward  | Me 0063        | Epsom Road Estate  | Amenity                                      | Landscaping around premises |
| St. Helier Ward  | Me 0065        | Eversham Green   | Amenity                                      | Amenity green space         |
| St. Helier Ward  | Me 0073        | George Hill Allotments East (Pylbrook Allotments and Nature Reserve) | Allotments, Community Gardens and City Farms | Allotments                  |
| St. Helier Ward  | Me 0074        | George Hill Allotments West (Pylbrook Allotments and Nature Reserve) | Allotments, Community Gardens and City Farms | Allotments                  |
| St. Helier Ward  | Me 0075        | George Hill Open Space (Pylbrook Allotments and Nature Reserve)      | Outdoor Sports Facilities                    | Other recreational          |
| St. Helier Ward  | Me 0076        | Glastonbury Road Verge   | Green Corridors                              | Road island/verge           |
| St. Helier Ward  | Me 0081        | Green Lane Central Verge   | Green Corridors                              | Road island/verge           |
| St. Helier Ward  | Me 0082        | Green Lane Verge South   | Green Corridors                              | Road island/verge           |
| St. Helier Ward  | Me 0087        | Hatfield Mead Estate   | Amenity                                      | Landscaping around premises |

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| St. Helier Ward | Me 0109        | Lawrence Weaver Close                            | Amenity                                   | Landscaping around premises |
| St. Helier Ward | Me 0110        | Legion Court                                     | Amenity                                   | Landscaping around premises |
| St. Helier Ward | Me 0131        | Merton College                                   | Amenity                                   | Landscaping around premises |
| St. Helier Ward | Me 0132        | Merton College Playing Fields                    | Outdoor Sports Facilities                 | Playing fields              |
| St. Helier Ward | Me 0152        | Morden Primary School                            | Amenity                                   | Educational                 |
| St. Helier Ward | Me 0153        | Morden Recreation Ground                         | Outdoor Sports Facilities                 | Recreation ground           |
| St. Helier Ward | Me 0154        | Morden Sidings                                   | Green Corridors                           | Railway cutting             |
| St. Helier Ward | Me 0186        | Pyl Brook Nature Reserve                         | Natural and Semi-natural Urban Greenspace | Nature reserve              |
| St. Helier Ward | Me 0193        | Railway South of South Merton and Adjoining Land | Green Corridors                           | Railway cutting             |
| St. Helier Ward | Me 0203        | Trenchard Court Haig Homes Open Space            | Outdoor Sports Facilities                 | Playing fields              |
| St. Helier Ward | Me 0219        | St Helier Avenue Verge South                     | Green Corridors                           | Road island/verge           |
| St. Helier Ward | Me 0220        | St Helier Avenue Verge Section One               | Green Corridors                           | Road island/verge           |
| St. Helier Ward | Me 0221        | St Helier Avenue Open Space                      | Green Corridors                           | Road island/verge           |
| St. Helier Ward | Me 0231        | St. Lawrence Churchyard and adjoining land       | Cemeteries and Churchyards                | Cemetery/churchyard         |
| St. Helier Ward | Me 0281        | The Precincts Haig Homes Open Space              | Amenity                                   | Landscaping around premises |
| St. Helier Ward | Me 0282        | Fragment near Epsom Road Estate                  | Amenity                                   | Landscaping around premises |
| St. Helier Ward | Su 0444        | Sutton Common Recreation Ground                  | Outdoor Sports Facilities                 | Recreation ground           |
| Trinity Ward    | Me 0007        | All Saints Road Open Space                       | Amenity                                   | Landscaping around premises |
| Trinity Ward    | Me 0071        | Garfield Road Recreation Ground                  | Outdoor Sports Facilities                 | Recreation ground           |
| Trinity Ward    | Me 0072        | Garfield School                                  | Outdoor Sports Facilities                 | Playing fields              |
| Trinity Ward    | Me 0084        | Haydons Road Recreation Ground                   | Outdoor Sports Facilities                 | Recreation ground           |
| Trinity Ward    | Me 0094        | Holy Trinity C of E School                       | Amenity                                   | Educational                 |
| Trinity Ward    | Me 0183        | Priory C of E Primary School                     | Amenity                                   | Educational                 |
| Trinity Ward    | Me 0218        | South Park Gardens                               | Parks and Gardens                         | Park                        |
| Trinity Ward    | Me 0247        | Wandle Meadow Nature Park                        | Natural and Semi-natural Urban Greenspace | Nature reserve              |



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|--------------|----------------|--|--|-----------------------------|
| Trinity Ward | Me 0280        | Land Adjacent River Wandle                     | Natural and Semi-natural Urban Greenspace    | Nature reserve              |
| Village Ward | MB 0017        | Wimbledon Park                                 | Parks and Gardens                            | Park                        |
| Village Ward | MB 0023        | Wimbledon Common                               | Natural and Semi-natural Urban Greenspace    | Common                      |
| Village Ward | MB 0041        | Beverley Brook south of Richmond Park          | Green Corridors                              | River                       |
| Village Ward | MB 0043        | Wimbledon Park Golf Course (Wimbledon Park)    | Outdoor Sports Facilities                    | Golf course                 |
| Village Ward | Me 0004        | Ackinson Morley's Hospital Fields              | Other  | Vacant land                 |
| Village Ward | Me 0005        | Aitkinson Morley's Hospital Woodland           | Natural and Semi-natural Urban Greenspace    | Private woodland            |
| Village Ward | Me 0008        | Allotments (Cannizaro Park)                    | Allotments, Community Gardens and City Farms | Allotments                  |
| Village Ward | Me 0013        | Barham Road Playing Fields                     | Outdoor Sports Facilities                    | Playing fields              |
| Village Ward | Me 0024        | Buddhapadipa Temple London                     | Amenity                                      | Landscaping around premises |
| Village Ward | Me 0029        | Cannizaro Park                                 | Parks and Gardens                            | Park                        |
| Village Ward | Me 0042        | Cottenham Park Allotments                      | Allotments, Community Gardens and City Farms | Allotments                  |
| Village Ward | Me 0056        | Drax playing fields                            | Outdoor Sports Facilities                    | Playing fields              |
| Village Ward | Me 0103        | Kings College School Field                     | Outdoor Sports Facilities                    | Playing fields              |
| Village Ward | Me 0123        | Margin Drive Green Open Space                  | Amenity                                      | Amenity green space         |
| Village Ward | Me 0167        | Oberon Playing Field                           | Outdoor Sports Facilities                    | Playing fields              |
| Village Ward | Me 0172        | Oldfield Estate Housing Green                  | Amenity                                      | Landscaping around premises |
| Village Ward | Me 0173        | Park House Middle School Conservation Area     | Amenity                                      | Educational                 |
| Village Ward | Me 0184        | Prospect Place (Merton)                        | Amenity                                      | Landscaping around premises |
| Village Ward | Me 0204        | Ricards Lodge High School Grounds              | Amenity                                      | Educational                 |
| Village Ward | Me 0209        | Royal Wimbledon Golf Course (Wimbledon Common) | Outdoor Sports Facilities                    | Golf course                 |
| Village Ward | Me 0226        | St Mary's Churchyard (Merton)                  | Cemeteries and Churchyards                   | Cemetery/churchyard         |
| Village Ward | Me 0252        | West Side Lawn Tennis Club                     | Outdoor Sports Facilities                    | Playing fields              |

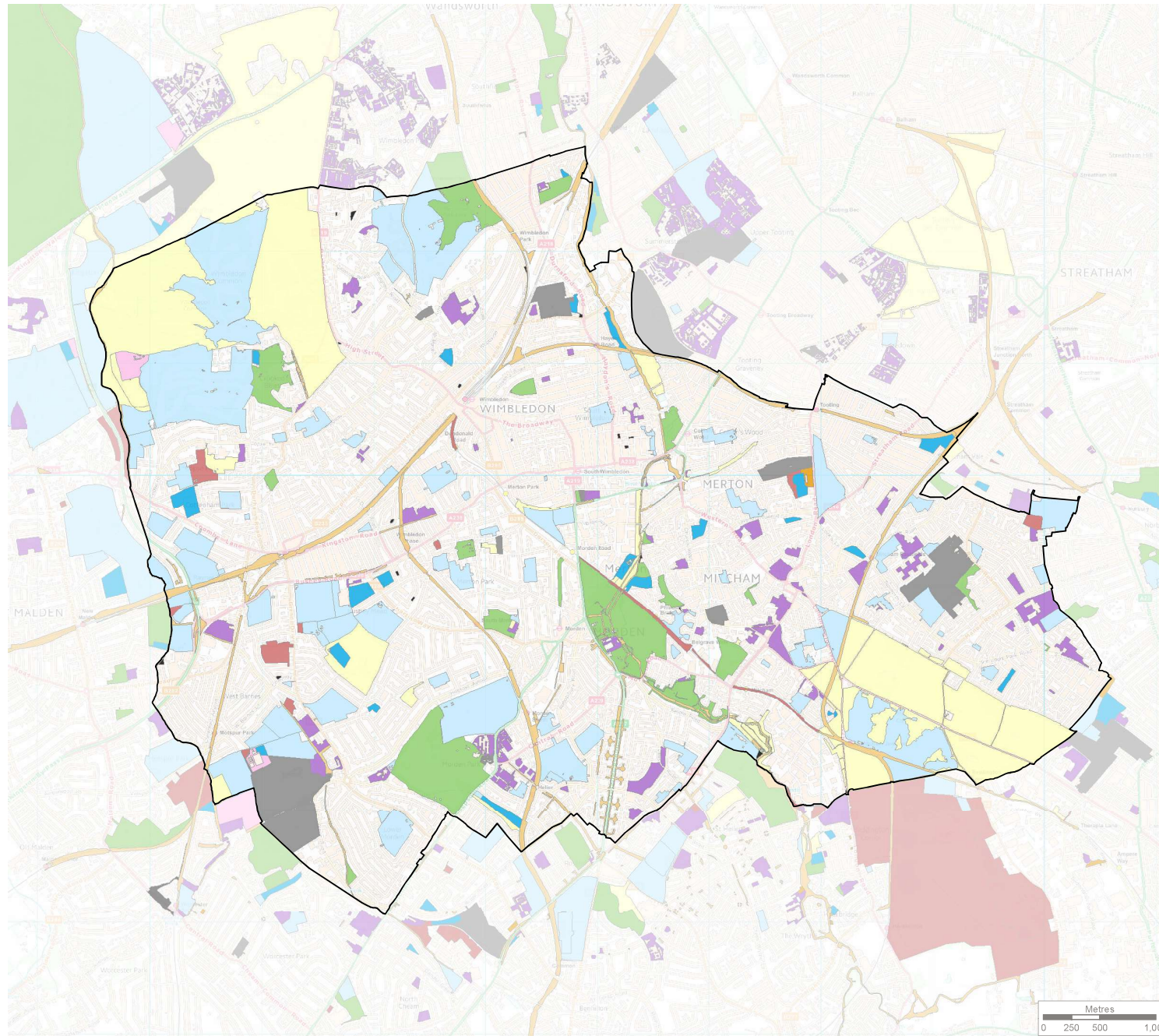
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| Village Ward     | Me 0256        | Westside Common Verge                                     | Green Corridors                              | Road island/verge   |
| Village Ward     | Me 0264        | Wimbledon Common (Golf course)                            | Outdoor Sports Facilities                    | Golf course         |
| Village Ward     | Me 0268        | Wimbledon Tennis Club                                     | Outdoor Sports Facilities                    | Other recreational  |
| Village Ward     | Me 0270        | Fish Ponds Wood and Beverley Meads Local Nature Reserve   | Natural and Semi-natural Urban Greenspace    | Nature reserve      |
| Village Ward     | Me 0277        | Warren Farm (Merton)                                      | Other Urban Fringe                           | Equestrian centre   |
| Village Ward     | Me 0293        | Crooked Billet Open Space                                 | Amenity                                      | Amenity green space |
| Village Ward     | Me 0294        | Wimbledon War Memorial                                    | Unclassified                                 | Road island/verge   |
| Village Ward     | Me 0295        | Welford Park and Path                                     | Green Corridors                              | Road island/verge   |
| Village Ward     | Me 0296        | Alfreton Close Corner Park                                | Unclassified                                 | Amenity green space |
| Village Ward     | Me 0297        | Seymour Road Park   | Unclassified                                 | Private woodland    |
| West Barnes Ward | MB 0001        | Beverley Brook  | Green Corridors                              | River               |
| West Barnes Ward | Me 0010        | Archbishop Tenison's School Sports Ground                 | Outdoor Sports Facilities                    | Playing fields      |
| West Barnes Ward | Me 0011        | Arthur Road Allotments (Thompsons Nursery and Allotments) | Allotments, Community Gardens and City Farms | Allotments          |
| West Barnes Ward | Me 0012        | Arthur Road Vacant Land                                   | Other  | Vacant land         |
| West Barnes Ward | Me 0026        | Bushey Road Flyover                                       | Green Corridors                              | Road island/verge   |
| West Barnes Ward | Me 0066        | Fairway Playing Fields                                    | Outdoor Sports Facilities                    | Playing fields      |
| West Barnes Ward | Me 0097        | Joseph Hood Memorial Woodland and Meadow                  | Natural and Semi-natural Urban Greenspace    | Nature reserve      |
| West Barnes Ward | Me 0102        | Kings College School                                      | Outdoor Sports Facilities                    | Playing fields      |
| West Barnes Ward | Me 0111        | Lessa 119 Grand Drive                                     | Other  | Vacant land         |
| West Barnes Ward | Me 0127        | Meadowsweet Close Grassland                               | Other  | Vacant land         |
| West Barnes Ward | Me 0134        | Merton Hall Bowling Green                                 | Outdoor Sports Facilities                    | Playing fields      |
| West Barnes Ward | Me 0158        | Motspur Park to Raynes Park Railway Cutting               | Green Corridors                              | Railway cutting     |
| West Barnes Ward | Me 0168        | Old Emanuel School Sports Ground                          | Outdoor Sports Facilities                    | Playing fields      |
| West Barnes Ward | Me 0199        | Raynes Park High School                                   | Amenity                                      | Educational         |
| West Barnes Ward | Me 0223        | St John Fisher RC School Field                            | Amenity                                      | Educational         |

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| West Barnes Ward    | Me 0241        | Thompsons Nursery (Thompsons Nursery and Allotments)      | Other Urban Fringe                           | Nursery/horticulture        |
| West Barnes Ward    | Me 0286        | Rookwood Open Space                                       | Unclassified                                 | Vacant land                 |
| West Barnes Ward    | Me 0287        | Crossway Open Space                                       | Unclassified                                 | Amenity green space         |
| Wimbledon Park Ward | Me 0022        | Brookland Avenue Allotments (Durnsford Recreation Ground) | Allotments, Community Gardens and City Farms | Allotments                  |
| Wimbledon Park Ward | Me 0052        | District Line   | Green Corridors                              | Railway cutting             |
| Wimbledon Park Ward | Me 0057        | Durnsford Road Recreation Ground                          | Parks and Gardens                            | Park                        |
| Wimbledon Park Ward | Me 0058        | Durnsford Road Allotments                                 | Allotments, Community Gardens and City Farms | Allotments                  |
| Wimbledon Park Ward | Me 0068        | Gap Road Cemetery   | Cemeteries and Churchyards                   | Cemetery/churchyard         |
| Wimbledon Park Ward | Me 0069        | Gap Road Railway Land                                     | Green Corridors                              | Railway cutting             |
| Wimbledon Park Ward | Me 0089        | Havelock Road Allotments                                  | Allotments, Community Gardens and City Farms | Allotments                  |
| Wimbledon Park Ward | Me 0178        | Poplar Court Open Space                                   | Amenity                                      | Landscaping around premises |
| Wimbledon Park Ward | Me 0259        | Wimbledon - Wandle Thameslink                             | Green Corridors                              | Railway cutting             |
| Wimbledon Park Ward | Me 0267        | Wimbledon Sidings   | Green Corridors                              | Railway embankment          |
| Wimbledon Park Ward | Me 0298        | Home Park Road Open Space                                 | Unclassified                                 | Amenity green space         |
| Wimbledon Park Ward | Me 0299        | Open Space attached to Gipsy site                         | Natural and Semi-natural Urban Greenspace    | Amenity green space         |
| Wimbledon Park Ward | Me 0300        | Gap Road Park   | Unclassified                                 | Amenity green space         |
| Wimbledon Park Ward | Me 0306        | Wimbledon Park Primary School                             | Amenity                                      | Educational                 |
| Wimbledon Park Ward | Wa 0109        | Lambeth Cemetery  | Cemeteries and Churchyards                   | Cemetery/churchyard         |





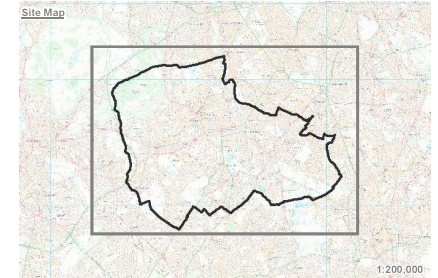
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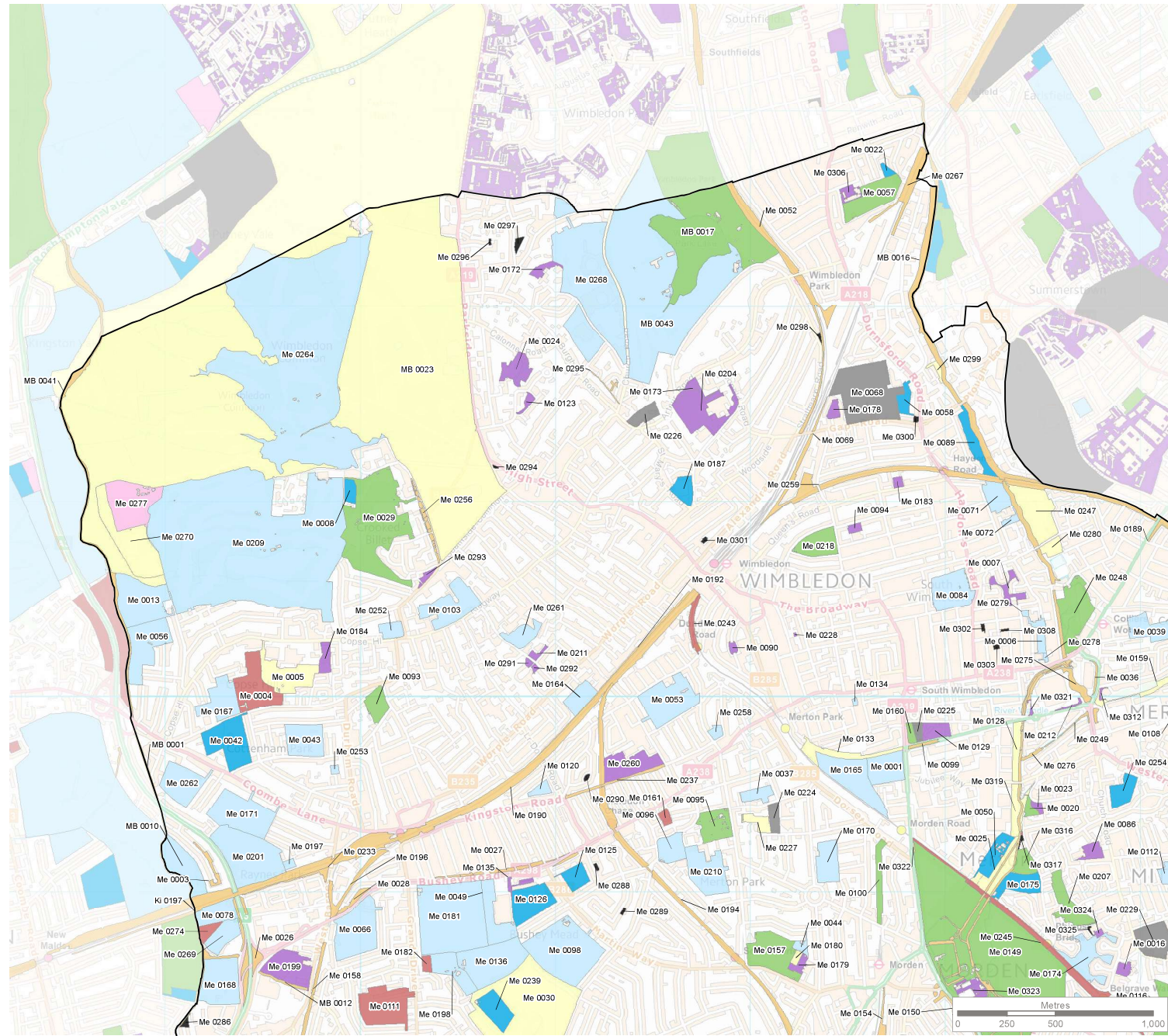
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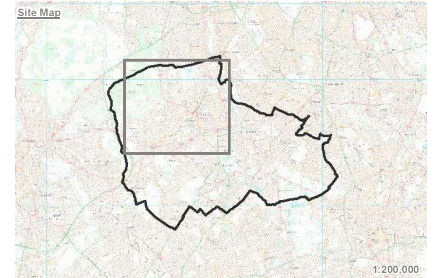




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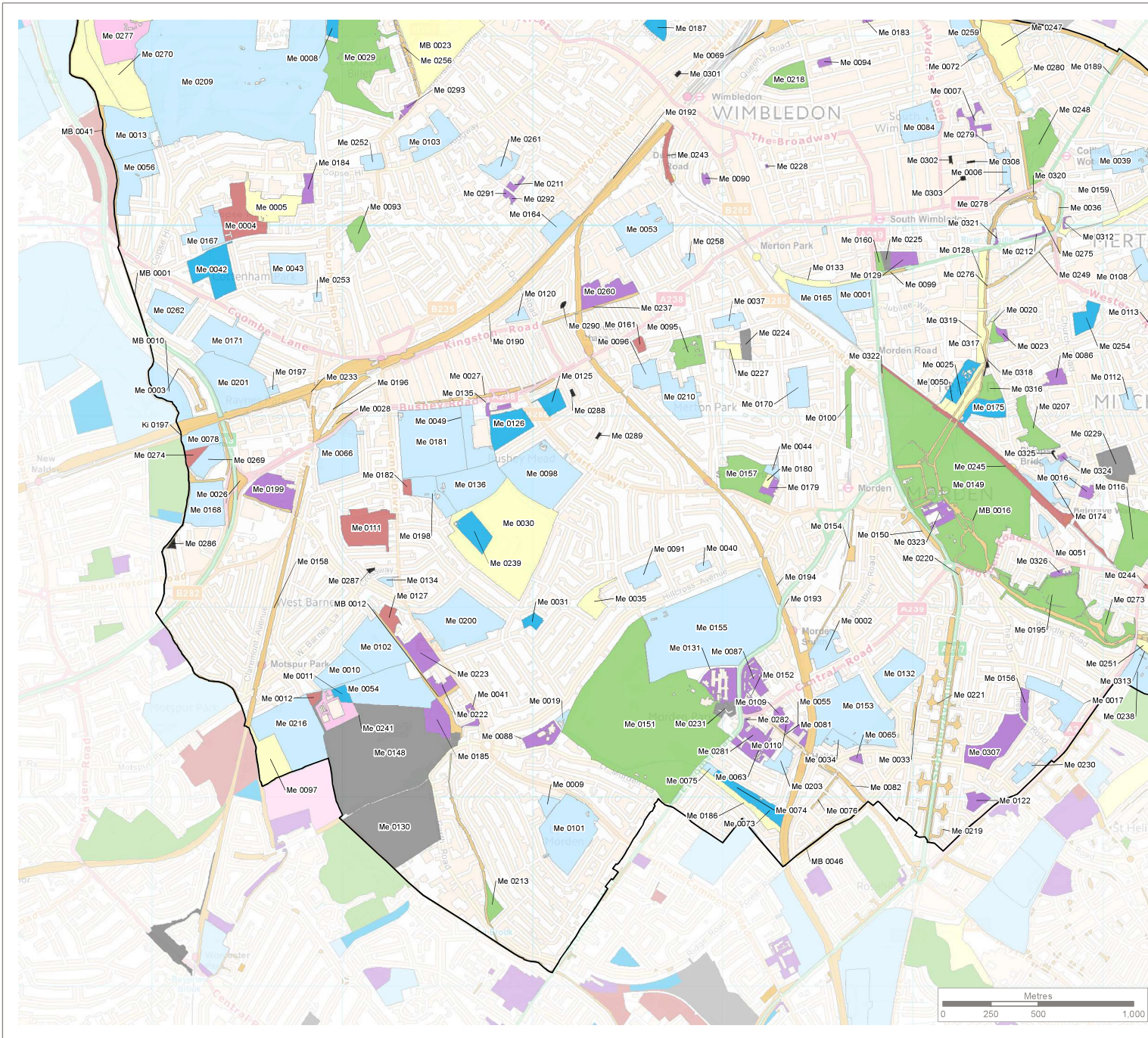
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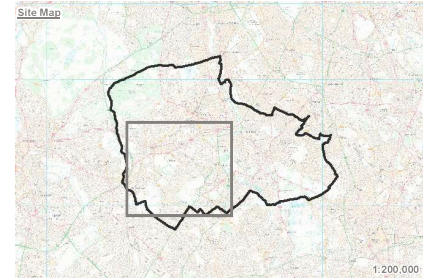
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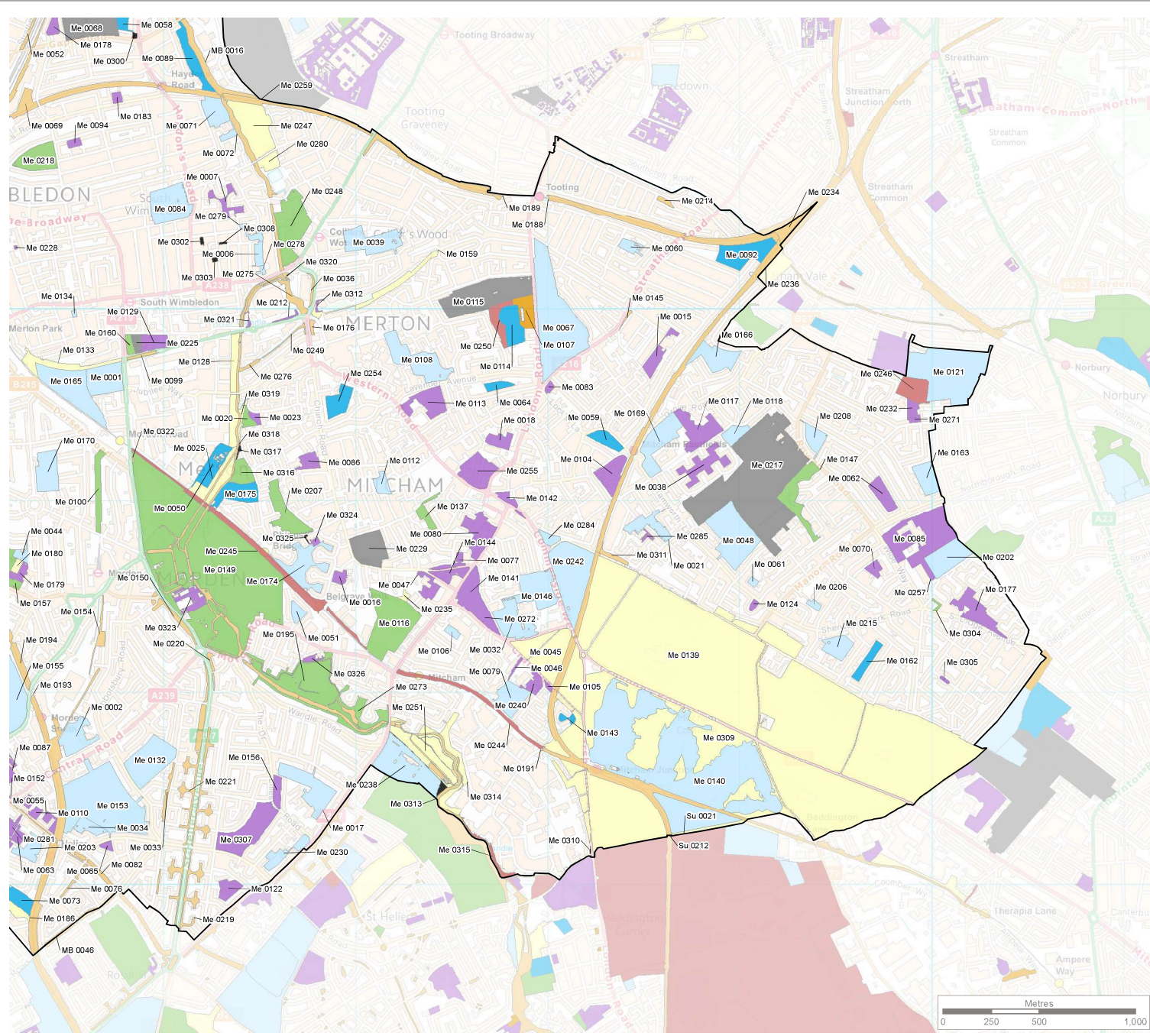
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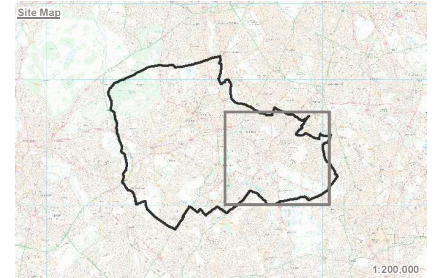




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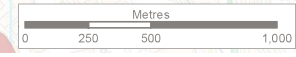
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