

London Borough of Croydon

Dear Future Merton team

Further to Merton council's recent Draft Third Local Implementation Plan 3 (LIP3) consultation, please find below Croydon council's officer response related to tram strategy development issues:

Croydon council officers are very supportive of Merton council's proposals for:

- the emerging TfL/Sutton/Merton tram extension scheme or BRT link;
- a new 'Willow Lane' tram stop;
- dual tracking between Morden Road and Phipps Bridge tram stops, as well as tram improvement projects; and
- continued partnership working with other boroughs, including Croydon, TfL and other stakeholders to extend the reach of the TfL tramway network further in order to improve social, environmental and economic wellbeing across south London and beyond.

Thank you for your attention.

Kind regards.

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Dear Future Merton

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to respond to Merton's LIP3 document. I would like to congratulate you on an excellent document and we look forward to working with Merton on future transport and healthy streets schemes.

Parking

Croydon recognises the need to amend and introduce controlled parking areas (CPZs) based upon demand. We would seek early engagement and consultation on any proposed CPZs in the vicinity of the borough boundary so we can cooperate to ensure there are no negative impacts or overspill onto Croydon's roads and if necessary coordinate the implementation of parking controls.

Buses

Croydon is lobbying TfL to undertake a comprehensive review of bus services in the north of the borough as a way to creating better public transport services and we would welcome working with Merton in order to maximise the benefits to both boroughs and ensure buy-in from TfL to improve services between Merton and Croydon. Additionally Croydon is promoting the development of more flexible demand-responsive mini-bus services in the southern suburban areas of the borough and would welcome coordination and joint working with Merton on any cross boundary routes.

Tramlink

Croydon continues to lobby for tram extensions and improvements to the tram network and we see these transport projects as a key way to accommodate sustainable growth in the borough whilst also enabling significant capacity increases across the Tramlink network. We will continue to seek the package of improvements that were identified in the Trams for Growth Strategy and Croydon will be funding a significant proportion of these works through the Croydon Growth Zone funding framework.

The Mayor's Transport Strategy and the Draft London Plan both identify the potential for significant growth in the London Trams Triangle area which looks to have been based upon the work undertaken for the Trams 2030 - Trams for Growth document. The report refers to 'Phase B – Unlocking the potential of the Wandle Valley' which identifies Wandle Valley East and Wandle Valley West each being able to accommodate 10,000 new homes. These areas border Croydon, Sutton and Merton and includes the areas of Purley Way and Beddington Lane estates. Croydon is considering developing a planning framework for the area and will be undertaking work to understand how the development and expansion of the tram network can support this potential growth.

Croydon looks forward to working in partnership with TfL and Merton to expand and improve the Tramlink network to accommodate continued growth across South London.

Croydon would welcome discussions with Merton and the South London Partnership on how traffic reduction strategies such as WPL might be secured as a way of funding the delivery of new public transport infrastructure between our boroughs.

Improving public transport accessibility

Croydon would welcome working in partnership with Merton to improve connectivity and public transport accessibility in the boundary areas of our boroughs particularly the Norbury and West Thornton wards.

Cycling & Public Rights of Way

Croydon looks forward to continuing to work with Merton to successfully deliver safe and improved cycling connections between our boroughs.

Croydon is also progressing the delivery of an electric bike hire scheme and would welcome working together with Merton to identify efficiencies of scale and share knowledge and resources to support the delivery of a scheme in both boroughs.

Construction, freight and logistics

Dependent upon the successful outcome of our joint MAQF bid for the development of a Construction Consolidation Centre (CCC) in the vicinity of the A23 Purley Way corridor we look forward to working with Meeton on these proposals.

20mph Borough Speed Limit

Croydon has already implemented 20mph on all our residential roads and is now in the process of considering implementation on certain sections of our main road network. We would welcome discussions on the practicality of implementing 20mph on Mitcham Road.

If you have any queries regarding the above or would like to meet up to discuss any topics further please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards
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