

## Better places to live: high quality residential areas

### 1 Should all the homes on the Eastfields Estate be redeveloped?

As part of the transfer of homes from the London Borough of Merton to Circle Housing Merton Priory in 2010, a commitment was made to ensure all transferred homes met the Merton Standard. This included new kitchens, bathrooms, doors and windows where required.

When Circle Housing Merton Priory began to plan for the Merton Standards upgrades for Eastfields, their investigations and studies raised doubts on whether these improvements alone could bring the homes and the neighbourhood up to an acceptable, modern standard.

The Merton Standard works would not address issues such as poor insulation, dampness and condensation in the homes, overcrowding, parking, community safety and issues concerning the open and green spaces. Only homes owned by Circle Housing Merton Priory will be eligible for the improvements and leaseholders would be expected to pay for at least some of the upgrades. Any external issues on Eastfields would not be included.

Please select **one** of the following.



**Option 1: Demolish and redevelop the entire Eastfields Estate**

Redeveloping the whole estate would mean demolishing and replacing the existing buildings to provide a number of benefits, such as well-designed energy efficient new homes and general improvement to the neighbourhood, including connections to the surrounding areas.



**Option 2: Partial redevelopment**

Retain some buildings and redevelop the majority of the estate to provide a number of benefits, such as well-designed energy efficient new homes but with fewer benefits to the neighbourhood.



**Option 3: Invest in existing properties to bring them to minimum modern standards**

Refurbish all Circle Housing Merton Priory and leasehold properties to ensure they meet current minimum housing standards, and have reasonable kitchens, bathrooms, windows, wiring and insulation. All leaseholders would have to share the costs of this work. This would not include changes to the outside areas.



**Option 4: Other, please state**

Provided a fair deal for home owners

**Please note** that the following questions relate to partial or full estate redevelopment. Should you decide to select the third option at Question 1, we would encourage you to respond to all the questions within this questionnaire as receiving all your feedback is important to us.

### 2 What size of homes should be provided within the Eastfields estate?

Please select **one** of the following.



**Option 1: Mix of different sizes of homes**

Provide a mix of different sizes of homes consisting: around 33% one bedroom, 32% two bedrooms and 35% three or more bedroom homes. This option reflects Merton's current policy to encourage a mix of dwelling sizes.



**Option 2: If you do not agree with this mix, how would you change it?**

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### 3 What type of homes should be provided across the estate?

If the regeneration plans go ahead the existing homes will be replaced and additional new homes built. What type of homes do you think Eastfields will need in the future?

Please select **one** of the following.



**Option 1: A mix of mainly houses and flats on different parts of the estate**



**Option 2: A wide range of homes including a mix of houses, flats and maisonettes**

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Option 3: Mostly flats

Option 4: Other, please state

make sure all current residents are catered for. some in 1 bedroom fl. need bigger

### 4 How should building heights be distributed through the Eastfields estate?

Currently the heights of the buildings on Eastfields are all 3 storeys. If the regeneration goes ahead, agreeing the height of new buildings will be important. That decision will need to take into account the relationship between Eastfields and the surrounding areas, local opinions, planning policies, how many homes are to be built and how to ensure there is enough open and green space for Eastfields to be a pleasant and attractive place to live.

What do you think about building heights?

Please select **one** of the following.

**Option 1: Evenly across the estate**  
Buildings should be broadly similar height across the estate.

**Option 2: Taller buildings around the edges**

Please select **one or more** of the following

Taller buildings fronting the cemetery to the south east

Taller buildings fronting the school to the north

Taller buildings towards Eastfields train station

**Option 3: Variety across the estate**

Please select **one** of the following

Some taller buildings evenly spread across the estate in general, amongst mainly lower buildings.

Taller buildings towards the centre of the site.

### 5 Are there any other issues or options we should consider regarding new homes?

Please feel free to continue on the sheet provided at the end of this questionnaire.

1. Disabled need correct housing. Ask them what they need.

2. Make sure all current residents are catered for

3. Green areas essential for mental health of many of the residents.

4. No big through road.

## People and spaces

### 6 What type of outdoor space would you prefer to see within the estate?

Should regeneration go ahead, all new homes will be required to have some private space: all flats with balconies and all houses will have gardens. In addition, new flats must have access to communal gardens. A regenerated estate would also need parks, playspaces and open spaces to serve its residents and the surrounding area. As there is a limited amount of space available, a balance therefore needs to be struck between the provision of private outside space for residents and public open space for everyone.

Please select **one** of the following.

**Option 1: Concentrate on providing communal space for flats**

This would be secure communal gardens available for groups of flats and not available for the general public.

**Option 2: Provide a single public open space for everyone to enjoy**

This This would be open to the general public. Communal gardens for groups of flats would remain, but may have to be significantly smaller to accommodate land for public open space.

**Option 3: Other, please state**

I cannot trust neighbours  
to keep a communal  
area clean.

### 7 What types of play areas and open space would you prefer to see?

Please select **a maximum of two** from the following.

**Sports pitches** such as grassed areas suitable for kick-abouts and picnicking.



**Multi-use games areas** such as fenced, hard surfaced areas for 5 a-side football, netball, tennis or similar sports.

King Georges new ball court - 10/05/06



**Communal gardens** such as areas with planting and seating suitable for picnicking and where ball games might be prohibited.



**Children's play equipment**



**Other, please state**

These 2 will get  
people outdoors.  
away from tv.

↑...noted just like Marden Park.



*free for residents,  
+ delivery / repairs etc.*

## Getting around

### 10 How should greater use of public transport be encouraged?

Please select **one or more** of the following.

- Provide better bus facilities such as increased bus stops and bus frequencies, improved bus stops travel information
- Provide better walking routes Morden Station, bus and tram stops, shopping areas, parks and community facilities such as well lit, safe, convenient and well maintained footways
- Provide incentives to help residents use public transport more such as taster pre-pay oyster card and special rail deals
- Provide personal travel advice
- Other, please state

*People who drive will not easily stop using the car - status symbol.*

*152 bus is always crowded*

### 11 Walking and cycling are healthy life style choices. How can we support this?

Please select **one or more** of the following.

- Provide well-connected, attractive and safe cycle routes and footpaths
- Provide safe and convenient crossings of busy roads and junctions
- Provide secure and convenient cycle storage
- Provide cycling training and support, to encourage people to switch to cycling

### 12 How should parking be managed?

Please select **one or more** of the following.

- Introduce parking controls to ensure that residents and their visitors can park near their homes as well as to protect access and road safety such as Controlled Parking Zone; double or single yellow lines to ensure that residents and their visitors can park near their homes as well as to protect access and road safety
- No parking restrictions
- Reduce the need for parking spaces by providing alternative ways for residents to access a car when needed such as car clubs

### 13 Are there any other issues or options we should consider regarding the transport?

Please feel free to continue on the sheet provided at the end of this questionnaire.

*a car is a status symbol / a necessity to get to work, to take the family out.*

*Fares are very high - trains / underground*

*buses are very crowded*

## Local facilities and economic opportunities

### 14 Should new community facilities be provided within Eastfields estate?

Community facilities cover a range of uses such as health care, schools, children's playing fields and services for older people and the disabled.

Please select **one** of the following.

- Option 1: Yes, we need more community facilities such as:**  
please state  
 schools for extra residents  
 health/dental care  
 on site social workers/  
 mental health/youth  
 workers
- Option 2: No, the existing local community facilities are enough.**

### 16 Are there any other issues or options we should consider regarding social and economic opportunities?

For example employing local people, supporting local businesses, providing training for local people, improving local facilities and services.

Please feel free to continue on the sheet provided at the end of this questionnaire.

All of this will be a huge upheaval. Especially for many residents with mental health issues.  
 → this must be addressed.

### 15 How could refurbishment or regeneration support existing and new employment?

Please select **one or more** of the following.

- Provision of space for businesses on or near the estate
- Employ local businesses and apprentices through the refurbishment or regeneration process
- Other, please state

Get the young people working - job creation schemes training

Separate sheet provided for you to tell us what you think. Please clearly indicate the option which you are writing about.

- I look forward to the regeneration.  
The buildings will not last much longer.  
Roofs leak/a lot needs replacing.

- I also want to see social justice in that all can be rehoused here on this estate  
if that home owners can sleep at night knowing they will get a fair price. If people are encouraged to buy by one government, they must not be penalised by the next.

- I want to see fair treatment of all disabled and mentally ill.

- The elderly must be fairly treated.

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— This is an opportunity to give example to the young on what justice means. Remember they are future voters and looking for role models.