

## 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**

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**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

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

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### 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.

## People and spaces

### 8 What do you think is important in deciding the layout of buildings, spaces and streets on the estate?

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

- Making easy connections within the estate and to the surrounding area**

Creating convenient and safe routes across the estate making it easy to walk or cycle to neighbours and move between places like Tamworth Lane, Grove Road, Acacia Road and Woodstock Way.

- Create traditional street forms**

Traditional street forms are streets that usually have buildings facing on to the street, on-street parking in front of properties and with street trees helping shape its feel and character.

- Retaining a feel similar to the current character of the estate**

Nearby streets outside the estate consist mostly of semi-detached houses with large back gardens, whereas the estate currently consists mostly of terraces with small gardens. This type of development could enable retention of much of the generous open space within the estate.

- Creating a mixture of types of buildings and spaces**

Providing greater mix of building heights and forms that give the estate a different character from its surroundings, but in a different way than the current uniform layout of buildings.

- Other, please state**

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### 9 Are there any other issues or options we should consider regarding the estate's open spaces and streets?

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## 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:  
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- Option 2: No, the existing local community facilities are enough.

### 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

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### 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.

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