

## 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?

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

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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.

## 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

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### 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?

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152 BUSES ARE COMPLETELY UNRELIABLE. AS A MOTHER WITH PRAM I CAN HARDLY EVER USE THE 152 DUE TO IT BEING OVERCROWDED IN THE MORNINGS AND AFTERNOON, WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO USE DOUBLE DECKERS FOR THIS ROUTE AT BUSY TIMES, ALSO TO HAVE THEM RUN MORE FREQUENTLY.

