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**By email:** ldfprogrammeofficer@tiscali.co.uk

Dear Ms Butcher

**Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended);  
Greater London Authority Acts 1999 and 2007;  
Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2012**

**RE: Merton – Draft Estates Local Plan – Main Modifications**

Thank you for consulting the Mayor of London on the proposed Main Modification to Merton's Draft Estates Local Plan. As you are aware, all development plan documents have to be in general conformity with the London Plan under section 24 (1)(b) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. On 15 March 2016, the Mayor provided comments on the Stage 2 consultation (reference: LDF24/LDD07/CG01) and on 03 February 2017, the Pre-Submission version of the document (reference: LDF24/LDD07/KR01).

The Mayor has considered the proposed main modifications and is of the opinion that they do not alter the draft Plan significantly, and that Merton's draft Estates Local Plan remains in general conformity with the London Plan.

The Mayor has afforded me delegated authority to make more detailed comments on the proposed main modifications on his behalf. Representations from Transport for London are included in this letter.

The Mayor welcomes the new references that clearly state that the London Plan forms part of Merton's Development Plan (MM1, MM3 – Justification). The Mayor will be publishing his draft new London Plan later this year.

The commitment to high quality design throughout the document is supported.

The Mayor welcomes the confirmation that there will be no fewer affordable homes provided at Eastfields (MM8) and that the existing number of affordable homes will be re-provided at Ravensbury (MM24). In this regard, Main Modification MM16 should be amended to '**will be** provided' to ensure the re-provision of affordable housing at High Path.

The commitment to providing open space (MM9) and sporting facilities (MM17) at Eastfields and Ravensbury (MM25) is welcome.

## **Transport**

The reference to estate cycle parking being provided in accordance with London Plan standards (MM4) is welcome.

The Mayor also welcomes the references to the tram extension to South Wimbledon and tram safeguarding along Morden Road as well as the requirement for developers to consult TfL on how to integrate the tram extension into development proposals on Morden Road (MM15).

Following are specific comments regarding the proposed wording:

- Para 3.137 – This paragraph needs to make it clear that this would only be for pedestrian and cycle access as vehicle access would impact on existing bus stop, for which there aren't alternative locations (MM14).

Although not a part of the proposed modifications TfL has recommended:

- Para 3.123 –be amended to include 'a wide straight boulevard with appropriate space for **public transport**.....'
- Para 3.135 –be amended to say '**Trams**' rather than 'Tramlink'.

## **Next stages**

If you would like to discuss any of my representations in more detail, please contact Celeste Giusti (020 7983 4811) who will be happy to discuss and arrange a meeting.

Yours sincerely,



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