

WS3: Future new build and regeneration

Key areas of progress in 2023

Supported the Examination in Public of Merton's draft Local Plan.

Formed part of the steering group for a consortium of 18 London boroughs to develop the Delivering Net Zero study which supports more ambitious local planning policies.

Lobbied Government for faster change to national and regional planning policy to ensure that all new development is compatible with our net zero commitments.

Provided energy comments for major planning applications in Merton to ensure that new developments maximise carbon savings on site through a fabric first approach, low carbon heating systems and renewable energy technologies.

Key priorities for 2024

Adopt Merton's new Local Plan and develop guidance to support its implementation.

Collaborate with the Greater London Authority (GLA), London Councils, UK Power Networks (UKPN) and neighbouring boroughs in developing a South London Local Area Energy Plan to identify the changes needed to the local energy system and built environment to achieve our local and national Net Zero targets.

Commission a Local Area Energy Plan (LAEP) for the borough of Merton once the sub-regional South London LAEP is complete.

Continue to lobby for faster change in the built environment, e.g. through the Future Homes Standards consultation in early 2024.

