

## ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION DEPARTMENT

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Dear Sir/Madam

### **Re: Consultation on Main Modifications to Merton's Estates Local Plan**

I am writing to inform you that the council is consulting on the Main Modification to Merton's Estates Local Plan for six weeks from 26<sup>th</sup> September to 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

Merton's Estates Local Plan (submission version) was submitted to the Secretary of State on 31st March 2017 who appointed Mr Nicholas Taylor BA (Hons) MRTPI to conduct an independent examination. The Estates Local Plan submission version is referenced as document SD.1. Public hearings were held between 4th – 6th July 2017. Following this, the Inspector issued a "post hearing outline of required main modifications" that he has recommended in order to make the Estates Local Plan sound.

The council has set out the precise wording for all the recommended Main Modifications in a schedule for consultation. The council has also included the main modifications into a version of the Plan, to make it easier for anyone participating in the consultation to understand how the Estates Local Plan will fit together, once all of the Main Modifications in the schedule are applied. Please note that in the unlikely event of any inconsistency between the Main Modifications Schedule and the Estates Local Plan, the Main Modifications Schedule takes primacy.

The Main Modifications Schedule and the Estates Local Plan document have been set out in accordance with the Planning Inspectorate's Procedural Practice in the Examination of Local Plans (PINS 2016), particularly paragraph 6.7, and the Inspector's advice.

The documents for consultation are:

- Main Modifications Schedule
- Main Modification Sustainability Appraisal/Strategic Environmental Assessment
- Main Modifications Habitat Regulation Assessment

Comments should relate only to the matters contained in the Main Modifications Schedule and quote the relevant Main Modification reference number(s). This is not an opportunity for further comment on Merton's Estates Local Plan.

The consultation documents together with the Plan are available to view on Merton's website via

<http://www2.merton.gov.uk/environment/planning/planningpolicy/localplan/estatesplan.htm>

The documents are also available to view at local libraries: Colliers Wood, Morden, Mitcham, and Wimbledon.

Merton's libraries are open between 9.30am-7.00pm on weekdays and 9.30am-5.00pm on Saturdays (apart from Colliers Wood, which is closed on Wednesdays). For more information about library opening hours, please view Merton's website: [www.merton.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.merton.gov.uk/libraries)

Representations on the Main Modifications should be sent by letter or email by **7<sup>th</sup> November 2017** to:

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Following receipt of the responses to this consultation, the Planning Inspector will consider the comments received before finalising his report on the 'soundness' of Merton's Estates Local Plan.

If you require any additional information please contact Pauline Butcher on 020 8545 3033 or 07823 494 353 or email: [ldfprogrammeofficer@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:ldfprogrammeofficer@tiscali.co.uk)

Yours faithfully

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