BOROUGH PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DRAFT NOTES OF MEETING – 19 September 2013

Attendees:
Cllrs: Maurice Groves (substitute for Cllr Henry Nelless); Richard Hilton; Philip Jones; Oonagh Moulton (substitute for Cllr Diane Neil Mills); Ian Munn (chair); Geraldine Stanford;
Also attending: Tara Butler; Eben van der Westhuizen (Future Merton team)

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Maurice Groves substituting for Cllr Henry Nelless.
Cllr Oonagh Moulton substituting for Cllr Diane Neil Mills

2. Declarations of pecuniary interest

Cllr Maurice Groves is on the board of Merton Priory Homes
Cllr Ian Munn receives information from the Post Office Pension Fund

3. Notes of the BPAC meeting 01 August 2013

- Saddlers Close misspelt: Sadler Close ((change made in Sites and Policies Plan)
- Notes of the meeting agreed

3a. Introduction and terms of reference

For the benefit of new councillors, the chair introduced BPAC’s terms of reference and invited those attending to read them. Terms of Reference were received by Members.

4. Morden Station draft planning brief proposed for public consultation

Morden station draft planning brief was discussed.

The Borough Plan Advisory Committee RESOLVED the following amendments to the draft planning brief to be made prior to public consultation:

A. Revise the introduction in plain English to:
- connect the draft brief to the original MoreMorden project, mention that for MoreMorden most people were supportive of the station site’s redevelopment and that this site is the catalyst for the wider town centre work;
- make clear that neither the council nor TFL will be undertaking the construction of the site; the planning brief will help get investors and developers interested, attracting investment to Morden
- give a timetable or at least clarity that development won’t start immediately
- clarify that detail of exactly what the site will look like and what uses will contain will come after the planning brief, at a masterplan or application stage
- clarify how people can respond
B. Amend brief circa page 32 below each image circa to add “for illustrative purposes only”

(Note: A redrafted introduction was circulated to the Borough Plan Advisory Committee councillors on 24 September 2013. Councillors recommended some minor amendments to the draft introduction and agreed it. The redrafted introduction was then added to the draft planning brief before public consultation started on Monday 30 September 2013.)