Colliers Wood
Site Proposal 02

43-45 Palestine Grove
43-45 Palestine Grove, Colliers Wood, SW19 2QN

Site area
0.02 ha

Site description
The site is occupied by a vacant and dilapidated storage/warehouse building with high brick and timber fencing.

Immediately east and adjoining the site is a similar sized property with a building being utilised by a manufacturing business (electric slotmeters London).

Residential uses generally comprising two/three storey terraced homes predominate in the vicinity of the site. Immediately to the west of the site is a private car park with approximately 10 spaces.

Strategic planning factors
The entire site is within medium risk of flooding (Flood Zone 2).

The site is within an archaeological priority zone.

The site is within an area with moderate accessibility to public transport (PTAL 3).

Current use
Vacant former workshop.
Use suggested / organisation
Residential – London Borough of Merton.

Allocated use
Residential (C3 Use Class).

Delivery timescale

Issues
Mitigate potential parking, road safety and traffic impacts on neighbouring streets and local amenity.

Access arrangements to this site should continue via the Christchurch Road entrance of Palestine Grove.

Investigating the potential impact of any proposed development on archaeological heritage.

Thames Water has assessed the water/wastewater capacity locally and do not envisage infrastructure concerns relating to potable water supply or wastewater services.

Summary of consultation responses
Issues were raised from various parties during the consultation stage and are summarised generally as follows (abridged):
- Allocation should be for residential or employment
- Support for residential redevelopment

Further research
November 2012: The site was assessed in an external report commissioned by the London Borough of Merton for its suitability as a school but rejected on grounds of size.

February 2013: The site was sold by council. The London Borough of Merton has been in contact with the new site owner who outlined their intention to redevelop the site for residential purposes within the next 2 years in accordance with the allocation.
**Site Proposal 05**

**Colliers Wood Community Centre**

64-72 High Street Colliers Wood, Colliers Wood, SW19 2BY

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commercial uses such as a café on street frontage.

**Delivery timescale**

2019 – 2024.

This site is a deep site and potentially has capacity for a library, community uses and some commercial uses (e.g. café) fronting the High Street. There is scope for residential development either on upper floors or to the rear of the site.

A mix of uses including community uses on lower floors and residential on upper floors will ensure the building is occupied over 24 hours, creating a more secure environment, helping to minimise vandalism.

Development proposals will need to incorporate suitable mitigation measures to address the issues associated with the flood risk and the critical drainage.

Protecting the residential amenity of those properties adjacent to, or in the vicinity of the site.

Requirement to appropriately manage access arrangements, parking demand, traffic and road safety impacts on neighbouring streets and local amenity.

The site appears to be within 50m of London Underground tunnels and infrastructure therefore London Underground Infrastructure Protection must be consulted.

Investigating the potential impact of any proposed development on archaeological heritage.

Thames Water has assessed the water/wastewater capacity locally and do not envisage infrastructure concerns relating to potable water supply or wastewater services.

**Summary of consultation responses**

Issues were raised from various parties during the consultation stage and are summarised generally as follows (abridged):

- Site should be retained for a community centre
- Support for mixed use redevelopment
- Delivery timescale should be before 2018

**Further research**

November 2012: The site was assessed in an external report commissioned by the London Borough of Merton for its suitability as a school but rejected on grounds of access.
Site Proposal 08

Leyton Road Centre
21 Leyton Road, Colliers Wood, SW19 1DJ

Site area

0.34 ha

Site description

This single storey building has the three-storey Merton Bus Garage building to its east, All Saints recreation ground to the north and two-storey terraced housing to the west and south.

Strategic planning factors

The site is within an archaeological priority zone and an area with very good accessibility to public transport services (PTAL 5). A small part of the site is within a critical drainage area.

The site is adjacent to the Wandle Valley conservation area (along the southern and eastern boundaries), open space (All Saints recreation ground) and the Colliers Wood town centre boundary.

Current use

Offices (B1[a] Use Class).

Use suggested / organisation

Consider a range of uses including community and residential – London Borough of Merton.

Allocated use

Any of the following or a suitable mix of community (D1 Use Class - education/day centre etc) and residential (C3 Use Class).

Delivery timescale

2019 – 2024.
**Issues**

The potential for educational use on this site has been highlighted in an external report commissioned by the London Borough of Merton.

In a mixed use development, residential uses should be on upper floors.

A mix of uses including residential will facilitate the provision of modern community facilities on lower floors and create a more secure environment, helping to minimise vandalism and crime.

Mitigating potential parking, traffic and road safety impacts on neighbouring streets and local amenity.

Localised footpath improvements to improve pedestrian access.

The site appears to be within 50m of London Underground tunnels and infrastructure therefore London Underground Infrastructure Protection must be consulted.

Protecting the residential amenity of those properties adjacent to or in the vicinity of the site.

Respecting the character of the adjacent conservation area.

Investigating the potential impact of any proposed development on archaeological heritage.

Development proposals will need to incorporate suitable mitigation measures to address the issues associated with the critical drainage area.

Thames Water has assessed the water/wastewater capacity locally and do not envisage infrastructure concerns relating to potable water supply or wastewater services.

**Summary of consultation responses**

Issues were raised from various parties during the consultation stage and are summarised generally as follows (abridged):

- Allocation should for children’s centre or community
- Site should be retained for existing use
- Issues with potential overcrowding
- Support for potential use as a school

**Further research**

November 2012: The site was assessed in an external report commissioned by the London Borough of Merton list as potentially being suitable for providing school places.
Site Proposal 14

Taylor Road Day Centre
Wakefield Hall, Taylor Road, Mitcham, CR4 3JR

Site area
0.08 ha

Site description
The site consists of a single storey pitched roof building that is surrounded by two storey houses.

Strategic planning factors
The site is in an area with poor accessibility to public transport services (PTAL 2).

Current use
Day Centre (D1 Use Class).

Use suggested / organisation
Residential – London Borough of Merton.

Allocated use
Mixed use community (D1 Use Class) and residential (C3 Use Class) or solely residential (C3 Use Class) if the community service is provided elsewhere.

Delivery timescale
2019 – 2024.

Issues
Suitable alternative locations need to be secured if community services are no longer to be provided on this site.

In a mixed use development, residential uses should be on upper
floors.

A mix of uses including residential will facilitate the provision of modern community facilities on lower floors and create a more secure environment, helping to minimise vandalism and crime.

Mitigating potential parking, traffic and road safety impacts on neighbouring streets and local amenity.

Protecting the residential amenity of those properties adjacent to and in the vicinity of the site.

Thames Water has assessed the water/wastewater capacity locally and do not envisage infrastructure concerns relating to potable water supply or wastewater services.

Summary of consultation responses
(this section will be removed in the adopted document)

The following issue was raised from during the consultation stage and is summarised generally as follows (abridged):

• The site should be retained as a community/day centre

Further research
(this section will be removed in the adopted document)

Council is currently negotiating an extension to the lease for the current occupiers of the site. This has resulted in the likely delivery timescale being shifted to beyond 2017 as previously noted.
Site Proposal 18
60 Pitcairn Road
60 Pitcairn Road, Mitcham, CR4 3LL

Site area
0.03 ha

Site description
The site consists of a two storey industrial building with access to Pitcairn Road. The surrounding area is characterised by two-storey terraced houses, however there is a two storey industrial building to the southeast of the site and church use to the south.

Strategic planning factors
The site is in an area with moderate accessibility to public transport services (PTAL 3) and a critical drainage area.

Current use
Vacant – last use was for small business (approximately 10 years ago).

Use suggested / organisation
Residential – Paper Project acting on behalf of the owner.

Allocated use
Residential (C3 Use Class).

Delivery timetable

Issues
Given the size of the site and the long-term vacancy, the loss of employment land is not considered to be an issue on this site.

Development proposals will need to incorporate suitable mitigation measures to address the issues associated with the critical drainage area.
Site 80 is situated to the rear of the property and ideally both sites will be delivered together.

Thames Water has assessed the water/wastewater capacity locally and do not envisage infrastructure concerns relating to potable water supply or wastewater services.

### Summary of consultation responses
(removed in the adopted document)

There were no issues raised during any of the consultation stages and there was general support for residential redevelopment.

### Further research
(removed in the adopted document)

Council has liaised with the agent acting for the owner who supports the proposed allocation for residential use. They are also actively engaged with the owner of the adjoining Church site to pursue interest in a joint development of both sites which is encouraged by the council. The agent is also acting on behalf of the owner of 45A Crusoe Road (Site 80) with a view to delivering both sites together.
Site Proposal 46

The Old Lamp Works
25 High Path, Colliers Wood, SW19 2LQ

Site area
0.25 ha

Site description
This site consists of a part-single and part-two storey industrial building. To the west are two storey houses and a two storey office building. South of the site, on the opposite side of High Path, is a two storey church and east of the church is a part-two and part-three storey industrial building. West of the site are single storey vehicle storage garages and beyond it is a twelve storey tower block. North of the site is a single storey church building and two storey houses.

Strategic planning factors
The site is within an archaeological priority zone, a critical drainage area and an area with good accessibility to public transport services (PTAL 4).

Current use
Office, warehouse and distribution.

Use suggested / organisation
Residential - Indigo Planning (consultants) representing Wisepress Ltd.

Allocated use
Residential (C3 Use Class) or education (D1 Use Class).
Delivery timescale  
Retention of existing business and employment within the borough.

Issues
Potential parking, road safety and traffic impacts on neighbouring streets need to be managed. There is not sufficient turning space or access for HGV’s to the site at present.

In a mixed use development, residential uses should be on upper floors.

Protecting the residential amenity of those properties adjacent to, or in the vicinity of the site.

Investigating the potential impact of any proposed development on archaeological heritage.

Development proposals will need to incorporate suitable mitigation measures to address the issues associated with the critical drainage area. Anecdotal evidence of surface water flooding from High Path was provided by the owner.

Thames Water has assessed the water/wastewater capacity locally and do not envisage infrastructure concerns relating to potable water supply or wastewater services.

Summary of consultation responses
The site should be retained for employment use, however education is also supported.

Further research
The building has been occupied freehold since 1996 by a business local to Merton for 30 years. The business wants to relocate to a purpose built modern facility in the nearby industrial area.

Access for HGVs to the site, including turning, is poor. Evidence of surface water flooding to the site has been provided by the owner.

The building is in a poor state of repair and would be likely to require demolition and rebuild to make it suitable for continued warehousing use, including raising the eaves and reducing the building footprint to create better HGV turning circles.

The site was marketed for two years in 2002 and 2003.

November 2012: The site, together with the neighbouring garages, was assessed in a “short list” for its suitability as a school in an external report commissioned by the London Borough of Merton. As a result, the potential use for a school has been added to the list of council’s preferred uses. It is acknowledged that the site was identified as being suitable only in conjunction with neighbouring properties.
Site Proposal 59

Corner Baltic Close and 
High Street Colliers Wood

194-196 High Street Colliers Wood, Colliers Wood, SW19 2BH

Site area
0.02 ha

Site description
The site is a hardstanding area on the corner of High Street Colliers Wood and Baltic Close. At the opposite side of Baltic Close to the southwest of the site is a three storey public house (Charles Holden). To the west of the site is a four storey residential block (Oslo Court) with the Wandle Park beyond.

The High Street Colliers Wood frontage of the site is adjoined on the northern side by a three storey shopping parade with retail units at ground level and flats above. The site is almost directly opposite the Colliers Wood underground station.

Strategic planning factors
The site is within the Wandle Valley conservation area, an archaeological priority zone, an area with an excellent very good level of public transport accessibility (PTAL 6a), flood zone 2 and a small part of the eastern corner of the site is within a critical drainage area.

The Colliers Wood Underground Station building to the east of the
The site is a grade II listed building.

The parade of shops to the north of the site is of poor quality and the immediately surrounding area is in need of appropriate environmental improvements, incorporating pedestrian access into Wandle Park.

**Current use**
Informal car park.

**Use suggested / organisation**

**Allocated use**
Any of the following or a suitable mix of retail (A1 Use Class), financial and professional services (A2 Use Class), restaurant or cafes (A3 Use Class), drinking establishments (A4 Use Class), hot food takeaways (A5 Use Class), offices (B1[a] Use Class) and residential (C3 Use Class).

**Delivery timescale**
2019 – 2024.

**Issues**
In a mixed use development, residential uses should be on upper floors.

Respecting the character and the views into and from the neighbouring conservation area and the setting of the listed building (Colliers Wood tube station) located to the east of the site.

Any development should take the opportunity to improve the junction between High Street Colliers Wood and Baltic Close, and enhance the gateway to the Wandle Park.

Minimise impact on highway capacity, safety and movement.

*The site appears to be within 50m of London Underground tunnels and infrastructure therefore London Underground Infrastructure Protection must be consulted.*

Development proposals will need to incorporate suitable mitigation measures to address the issues associated with the location within a flood zone and a critical drainage area.

Investigating the potential impact of any proposed development on archaeological heritage.

Protecting the residential amenity of those properties adjacent to, or in the vicinity of the site, particularly in relation to Oslo Court to the west of the site.

Recognising the opportunity to improve the environment of Baltic Close.

Recognise the National Grid power lines running under Baltic Close.
Thames Water has assessed the water/wastewater capacity locally and do not envisage infrastructure concerns relating to potable water supply or wastewater services.

Issues were raised from various parties during the consultation stage and are summarised generally as follows (abridged):

- Acknowledge the location of National Grid services in the vicinity of the site
- Support for council’s preferred use
- A request for more information in relation to the site’s role in the Wandle Valley Conservation Area
- Redevelopment should include adjoining land along the high street
- Recognition of the distinctive history of the terrace of buildings to the north-east of the site

2012: Merton Council successfully bid for the Mayor’s Regeneration funding for the Colliers Wood area, including Baltic Close. Combined with a variety of funding sources, there is over £3 million available to improve the public realm and local environment in Colliers Wood between 2013 and 2016. Part of these improvements seeks to enhance the Baltic Close road and public realm, improving the junction with Colliers Wood High Street and the gateway to the Wandle Park.

Council is in ongoing discussions with TfL regarding the delivery of this site, exploring it in context of work being done in Colliers Wood under the Mayor’s Regeneration Fund.
Site Proposal 78

191-193 Western Road
191-193 Western Road, Colliers Wood, SW19 2QD

Site area 0.51 ha

Site description The site is situated on the southern side of Western Road, which is a busy arterial thoroughfare. The site is currently occupied by a warehouse building and hardstanding parking area. Sole access to the site is achieved centrally along the Western Road frontage.

The site is surrounded by two storey residential properties to the south, east and west. To the north of the site on the opposite side of Western Road is a large industrial site occupied by Blackout, a blinds and rigging company situated within a strategic industrial location.

Strategic planning factors The site is within flood zone 2 and the entire site is within a critical drainage area.

The site is adjacent to the Western Road allotments which are situated to the southeast of the site.

The site is in an area with moderate access to public transport services (PTAL 3) and is within the Colliers Wood archaeological protection zone.
Current use  Factory and open storage.

Use suggested / organisation  Residential – James Davis (owner).

Allocated use  Residential.


Issues  
The frontage along Western Road is busy and adjoins residential properties.

Investigating the potential impact of any proposed development on archaeological heritage.

Development proposals will need to incorporate suitable mitigation measures to minimise flood risk for future occupiers and the potential for water pollution from the site.

Mitigating potential parking, traffic and safety impacts on neighbouring streets and local amenity.

Protecting the residential amenity of those properties adjacent to, or in the vicinity of the site.

Development proposals will need to incorporate suitable mitigation measures to address the issues associated with the critical drainage area.

Recognise the National Grid power lines running under Western Road.

Thames Water has assessed the water/wastewater capacity locally and do not envisage infrastructure concerns relating to potable water supply or wastewater services.

Summary of consultation responses  
Various parties submitted representations during the consultation stage and are summarised generally as follows (abridged):

- Support for residential use but the site has poor public transport accessibility
- The site should be for mixed use residential, office and retail use
- Flood risk
- No reference to secured by design principles in the consultation documents
- Reference to the green corridor

Further research  
Council has met with the owner of the site and their agent to discuss the sites inclusion in the plan. Further information has been provided by the owner regarding the deliverability of the site to support their suggested use of solely residential.

(THIS SECTION WILL BE REMOVED IN THE ADOPTED DOCUMENT)
Site Proposal 80

Crusoe Road Industrial Buildings
45A and 45B, Crusoe Road, Mitcham, CR4 3LJ

Site area 0.12 ha

Site description The site is occupied by single storey commercial buildings, and has a small concrete forecourt which is informally utilised for parking and loading associated with the businesses.

The adjoining site to the west contains a two storey industrial building which is vacant on the ground floor and accommodates the Rhema Church Ministries on the first floor. The general character of the surrounding area is dominated by two storey residential terraces.

Strategic planning factors The site is in an area with moderate accessibility to public transport services (PTAL 3).

The site is within a critical drainage area and the southern boundary of the site is susceptible to surface water flooding.

Current use Light Industrial.

Use suggested / Residential – respective site owners of 45A and 45B.
Allocated use  Residential (C3 Use Class).


Issues  Protecting the residential amenity of the adjoining properties.

Development proposals will need to incorporate suitable mitigation measures to address the issues associated with the critical drainage area.

Mitigate potential parking, road safety and traffic impacts on neighbouring streets and local amenity.

Thames Water has assessed the water/wastewater capacity locally and do not envisage infrastructure concerns relating to potable water supply or wastewater services.

Summary of consultation responses  Issues were raised from various parties during the consultation stage and are summarised generally as follows (abridged):

- The site should be retained for light industrial use
- Support for council’s preferred use

Further research  Council has met with the site owners to discuss the deliverability of the site. The owners advised they are working together to deliver residential use on the site.

April 2013: The owner of 45A Crusoe Road has engaged the same architect as Site 18 (60 Pitcairn Road) to aide with delivery of the site.