

## **Part II**

# **Policies Maps and Site Proposals**

**Submission – Including modifications**

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## Introduction – sites for allocation and maps to illustrate where policies apply

This is Part II of Merton’s Sites and Policies Plan. It contains around 40 sites for allocation to help guide what uses the council will encourage on each of these sites.

Part 2 also contains maps to show where specific planning policies apply in Merton; for example, to show where nature reserves are, to show where the boundary of a town centre is or to show which rows of local shops are designated as neighbourhood shopping parades.

This section is arranged by geographic area, dividing the borough into five sub-areas along the same lines as Merton’s Core Planning Strategy:

- Colliers Wood
- Mitcham
- Morden
- Raynes Park
- Wimbledon

There is also a section that deals with issues common to the whole of the borough.

### What has guided these sites and maps so far?

- Feedback from local residents, businesses, community groups and landowners during nine months of consultation which took place between 2011 and 2013
- Detailed technical assessments and research, including considering different options for sites
- National and regional planning policies (e.g. the National Planning Policy Framework 2012; Mayor’s London Plan 2011)

## Main Modifications to Merton’s Sites and Policies Plan and Policies Map – consultation until 08 April 2014

Merton’s Sites and Policies Plan was submitted to the Secretary of State in October 2013, who appointed an independent planning inspector to examine it. Between 21 and 29 January 2014, the inspector chaired a public hearing to examine whether the plan is “sound”.

Following the public hearings, eleven Main Modifications are proposed to ensure that the Plan is “sound”. These Main Modifications are published for consultation between **24 February and 08 April 2014**. The eleven Main Modifications are contained in a table (document reference HD.14) and have also been made to the Plan in red text

There are also a number of minor changes, such as factual updates, spelling, grammar and amendments for clarity, which are not considered to materially affect the soundness of the Plan. The schedule of minor modifications is also published for information.

The Main Modifications schedule is published on the council's website via [www.merton.gov.uk/planning/sites\\_policies\\_plan](http://www.merton.gov.uk/planning/sites_policies_plan) and in local libraries

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

**If you would like to comment on any of the Main Modifications, please send your comments to the Planning Inspector via**

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### **Next steps: adoption of Merton's Sites and Policies Plan**

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 Sites and Policies Plan.

Once adopted in 2014, the final site allocations will replace any undeveloped site allocations in Merton's Unitary Development Plan (UDP) 2003. The land designations will be illustrated on a large map, known as the Policies Map, which will replace Merton's adopted Proposals Map 2003.