



**Part II**

**Sites and Policies Map**

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

This is Part 2 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. These sites were suggested during 2011 and 2012 by landowners (including the council), local community groups, residents and others.

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 (including the council) to the "call for sites" (Stage 1) consultation in July 2011 suggested sites to be included in the plan. More sites were also suggested between January and May 2012, (known as Stage 2 consultation). Each of the sites was assessed for potential development options which informed their inclusion in the plan.

Feedback from the previous three stages of consultation across nine months between January-May 2012, June- July 2012 and January-February 2013 has helped inform the site allocations and land designations illustrated on the maps. Detailed technical assessments and research have also informed the site allocations and land designations.

In 2011, the research that supported Merton's Core Planning Strategy and South London Waste Plan passed examination by independent inspectors. We are making effective use of resources by using this research again to help guide the site allocations and land designations in Merton.

Once adopted in 2014, the final site allocations will replace the remaining site allocations (those that have not already been built) in Merton's Unitary Development Plan (UDP) 2003. Once adopted in 2014, the land designations will be illustrated on a large map, known as the Policies Map, which will replace Merton's adopted Proposals Map 2003.

Government has changed the national planning system as set out in the National Planning Policy Framework 2012 and the Mayor's London Plan 2011 which affects development in London. It is a good time for Merton to show how and where national and regional issues will be applied locally.

## Publishing the Sites and Policies Plan and Policies Map

The council believes that this is the right plan for the borough and wishes to adopt it as part of the council's Local Plan. Before doing this, the council has to submit it to the Secretary of State for examination by an independent planning inspector.

If you have comments on any issues within the detailed policies, site allocations or land designations that you would like the inspector to consider at his or her independent examination of the plan, please let us know in writing (post or e-mail) by Friday 30 August 2013 using the details below

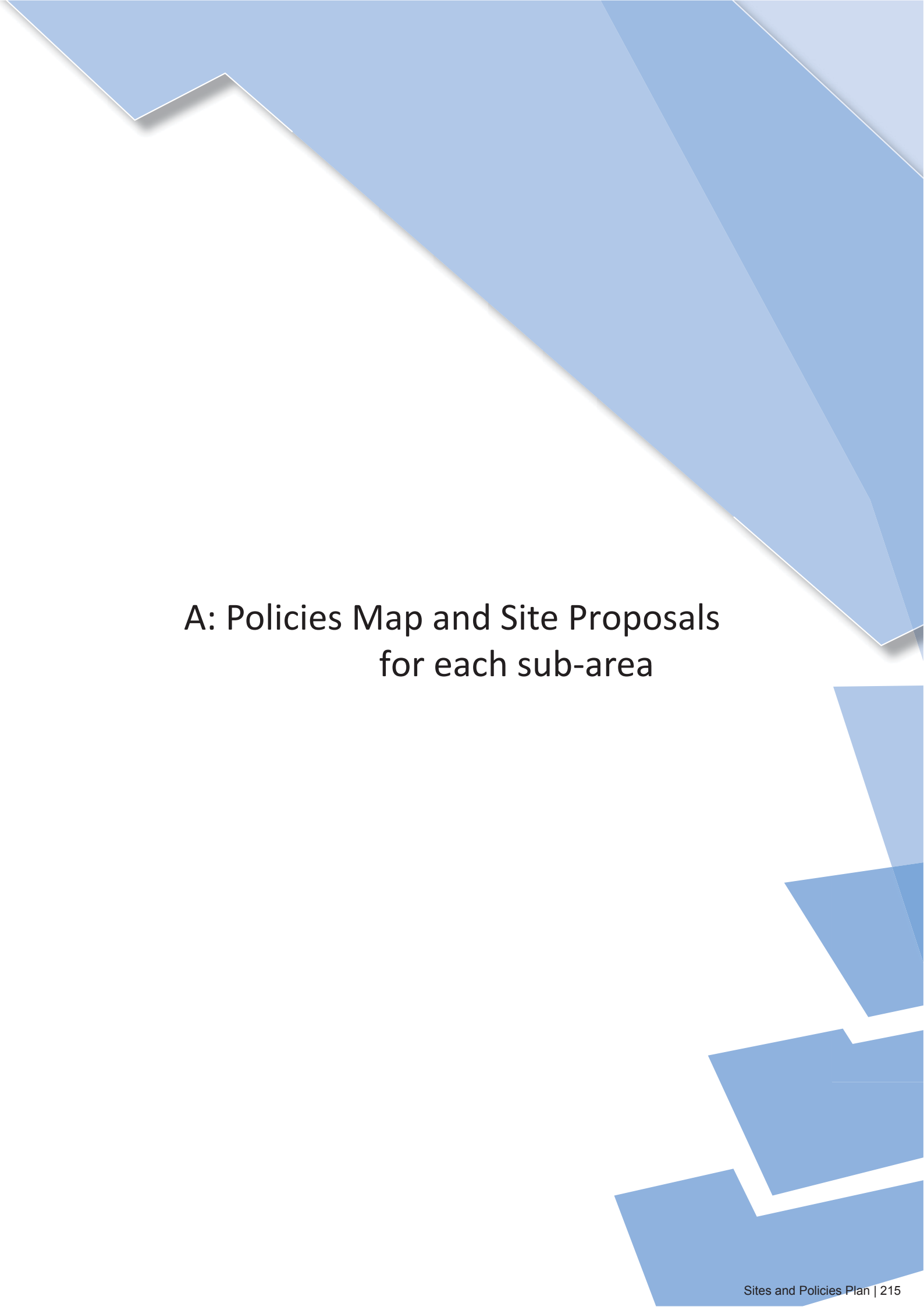
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You are also invited to state if you would like to attend any examination hearings on Merton's sites and policies plan and policies maps or if you would like to be notified when these documents are adopted.

### Next steps: examination by an independent Planning Inspector

The final plan will be submitted to the Secretary of State in September 2013. Any comments received on the final plans between July and August 2013 will be published on Merton Council's website and made available to the Secretary of State and the independent planning inspector. It will be the inspector's decision as to what issues are considered at the examination and who is invited to take part.

The final plan – and all the comments received – will then be sent to the Secretary of State in September 2013 who will appoint an independent planning inspector to examine whether the plan is “sound”. If the plan passes the examination, it can then be adopted as part of the council's development plan to help decide planning applications for new buildings. The plan adoption is scheduled for February 2014.



## A: Policies Map and Site Proposals for each sub-area

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