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What’s happened so far?

The council must always have an adopted Proposals Map to illustrate the location of sites suitable for development and the location of any policy issues, for example, the town centre boundaries.

The existing Proposals Map was adopted with Merton’s Unitary Development Plan in 2003 and is being amended to correctly align and respond to Merton’s Core Planning Strategy 2011, the South London Waste Plan 2012 and the Sites and Policies DPD. The amendments are as follows:

- Some policies as listed in the UDP have been superseded or deleted
- There have been changes to policy areas since 2003. Areas have been removed or new areas created or boundaries have been amended.

The following amendments have been made to reflect policies in Merton’s Core Planning Strategy 2011, the South London Waste Plan (due for adoption February 2012) and the draft Sites and Policies DPD. These amendments will result in an up-to-date map that will incorporate changes that have been made since 2003. All areas identified in these maps are linked to policies within these documents.

This document examines all the information currently contained on the UDP Proposals Map 2003 and assesses whether the area is:

- Unaltered since 2003 and subject to consultation.
- Changed but not subject to consultation (areas that have already been decided by the council or other responsible authorities such as the Environment Agency), or
- Subject to a proposed change that is being consulted on.

Unaltered policy areas – have your say

Policy areas not modified from the UDP Proposals Map 2003. See page 9 for maps of these areas.

- Metropolitan Open Land
- Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)
- Archaeological Priority Zones
- Historic Parks and Gardens
- Scheduled Ancient Monument
- Green Chains
Changes to map already agreed

These policy areas have been changed since adoption of the UDP Proposals Map in 2003.

The amendments are not subject to consultation because the council has already adopted these changes following earlier consultation they are corrections/factual updates. See Changes to the map already agreed on page 16 for maps of these areas.

- **Conservation area boundaries** – most historic conservation areas have a published Character Appraisal and Management Plan, which is informed by community consultation and sets the boundaries for the conservation area. The Proposals Map will show the Conservation Area boundaries. We are not proposing to ask for feedback on these again. If you have any comments on historic conservation area boundaries please contact the Merton’s Conservation and Design Officer on 0208 545 3055 or by e-mailing urban.design@merton.gov.uk.

- **Flood risk areas** – The Environment Agency models flood risk and provide regular maps to update which areas are most susceptible. As these are considered factual changes, we do not propose consulting on the flood risk areas. The Environment Agency is the contact for any queries at: 03708 506 506 or emailing: enquires@environment-agency.gov.uk.

- **Sites designated for waste management uses** in the South London Waste Plan DPD (schedules 1 and 2) as these have already been consulted on as part of the SLWP DPD. Please see SLWP March 2012 Figures 4.1 and 4.2 on pages 39 and 41 respectively.

- **Wandle Valley Regional Park** – the Wandle Valley Regional Park boundary was agreed between the four boroughs of Croydon, Merton, Sutton and Wandsworth at the Wandle Valley Regional Park Development Board in October 2011. As it is not solely Merton Council’s decision to alter the Regional Park boundary, any comments received on the park boundary will be submitted to the Wandle Valley Regional Park Development Board for their consideration.

- **Crossrail 2 (Safeguarded land adjoining district line policy)** – on 30 June 2008 the Secretary of State revised and safeguarded areas of land along existing railway lines between Chelsea and Hackney, including near the district line at Wimbledon.
Proposed deletions

The following UDP 2003 designations are proposed for deletion:

- Urban Village (Policy Deleted)
- Special Industrial Zone (Policy Deleted)

All 2003 UDP transport proposals below (i.e. 1T through 38T) are proposed for deletion and replacement with new transport proposals as set out in the next section, Proposed additions – have your say, below. The deleted transport proposal designations comprise:

- Rail/Tube Improvements
- East London Line Extension – New Underground
- Strategic Route
- London Distributor Road
- Local Distributor Road
- Walking Demonstration Projects
- Leisure Walking Routes
- Controlled Parking Zones
- Primary Road Policy
- Secondary Road Policy
- Proposed Cycle Parking
- Proposed Wider Footways Policies
- Merton Light Rail (Via Colliers Wood)
- Northern Line Underground Stations and Service Improvements
- New and Improved Stations
- Public Transport Interchange and Station Improvement
- Proposed Rail Improvements
- Area Safeguarded for Possible Access Road
- Possible Location of Vehicular Access
- Proposed Main Pedestrian Routes
- Morden to Sutton Light Rail - and Sutton to Tooting
- Willow Lane Industrial Estate Access Improvement Area – Northern Access Road and Willow Lane Station
- Road Network Improvements
- Improvements to Road Junctions
- Existing Cycle Routes – Cycle Superhighway
- Proposed Cycle Routes
- Highway Improvement Proposals
- Location of new Public Car Parks
- Improvements to Streetscape/Frontages

Proposed additions – have your say

The following policy areas are subject to amendments to reflect changes in the LDF. These amendments include the addition of new areas:

- Primary Shopping Area

Transport

For maps of the proposed new transport designations please see section 1J at page 114. The new transport proposal designations comprise:

- Sustainable Transport Corridor
- Rail/ Tube Improvements
- Tram Line Network
- Road Network Improvements
- Cycle Network Improvements
- Pedestrian/ Cycle Route
Proposed modifications – have your say

Modifications are proposed to the following designations to reflect changes in policy or where development has taken place in Merton since 2003:

- Open space
- Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC)
- Local Centre
- Centres
- Neighbourhood Parades
- Secondary Shopping Frontage
- Local Nature Reserves
- Green Corridors

Modifications and name change are proposed to the following designations:

- Core Shopping Area – now referred to as Core Shopping Frontage
- Primary Shopping Area - now referred to as Wimbledon Central Shopping Frontage

More detailed maps of new and modified policy areas can be found in the appendices to this document.

Viewing the details of your neighbourhood

In the appendices to this document, the maps are organised by policy, for example all of the maps illustrating the locations of open spaces in Merton are together.

To make it easier to see all of the details for each neighbourhood, these maps have also been organised by local area - Colliers Wood, Mitcham, Morden, Raynes Park and Wimbledon.

If you are interested in seeing details for a specific neighbourhood please visit Merton Council’s website at [www.merton.gov.uk/environment/designandconservation/bcs.htm](http://www.merton.gov.uk/environment/designandconservation/bcs.htm) and download the map for the area you are interested in or contact us at ldf@merton.gov.uk and we can send a copy to you.
What will happen next?

During summer 2012 we will publish a summary of all the feedback received and actions taken from it. Following your feedback, these maps and the policies to which they relate will be amended and improved.

In autumn 2012 we will ask you what you think on the final version of the detailed Proposals Map, sites and policies, which will then be examined in public by an independent planning inspector.

Once adopted in 2013, the final Proposals Map will replace the Proposals Map 2003.

Your feedback is important to us

Please tell us what you think about the council’s draft Proposals Map by responding in writing by post or e-mail to the details:

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