persons may be higher given that not all those with a disability are registered as such. A further 600 Merton residents are registered as Social Service users with a learning disability; again this figure is probably an under-estimate of the true number of people in Merton in this category.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN, MONITORING AND REVIEW

7.38 Planning policies can be implemented by various agencies: The Council; Government Departments; statutory undertakers; the private sector and the people of Merton themselves.

7.39 The Plan attributes considerable importance to the role of private investment in the Borough and recognises the role of the public sector in encouraging investment through improvement to the infrastructure and environment. The active promotion by the Council of the opportunities available and the achievement of public gain through private development will be important mechanisms to implement the Plan. The identification of appropriate development sites on the Proposals Map, for instance in Colliers Wood, is a sound basis for channelling investment into the Borough. An important aspect of the Plan's implementation will be to draw its policies, and more significantly its proposals, to the attention of the private sector. The policies and proposals are considered capable of implementation during the Plan period, i.e. 2001-2011.

7.40 The Plan does not pretend to aim to rectify all the Borough's problems and its inherent deficiencies. The need for the Plan to be realistic in terms of resource availability precludes this and reviews of the Plan will establish a rolling programme of change and development.

7.41 The resource base of the Borough will significantly influence the extent to which change can take place. The limited resources available and the reasonably good balance between different land uses and activities restricts the amount of change likely to affect the present land use pattern. The available resources will, therefore, be geared to redressing the deficiencies in specific parts of the Borough.

POLICY MR.1: MONITORING AND REVIEW

THE COUNCIL WILL REGULARLY MONITOR AND REVIEW AS APPROPRIATE THE POLICIES AND PROPOSALS IN THE PLAN TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF CHANGING NEEDS AND CIRCUMSTANCES AND WILL PREPARE AN ANNUAL STATEMENT.

Justification

7.42 The Plan is designed to establish a set of policies and proposals over the next ten years or so. In that no "end state Master Plan" is appropriate, it is necessary to monitor and review the Plan, amending it to take account of change in policy, needs, new site opportunities and varying resource availability. This review will be carried out on an annual cycle. An Annual Report will be prepared in order to comply with the Secretary of State's requirements, in Strategic Guidance, for the monitoring and review of UDPs. During the monitoring process it will be necessary to maintain a balance between the various strands of policy (notably housing, employment and movement).

7.43 Promotion and co-ordination of Plan policies and proposals need to be geared to the 10-year Plan period. The Council will co-ordinate and programme activities, including those of other public and private agencies, and will initiate action to ensure the various elements of the Plan are achieved within the Plan period. An annual monitoring of the Plan will take
place and it is anticipated that within at least 5 years, a review of policies and proposals will be undertaken having regard to Government advice, regional/strategic requirements and local trends/issues. If circumstances call for modifications, the Council will initiate formal consultation procedures to alter the Plan in accordance with UDP Regulations.

Figure 7.1 London Borough of Merton
Population Trends and Projections 1961 - 2016

2000 Round of Greater London Authority Population Projections
(Greater London Authority copyright June 2000).

Figure 7.2 London Borough of Merton
Population Trends and Projections by Age Group
1961 - 2011

1998 Round of London Research Centre Population Projections
(Projection 1 - assumes high fertility, dwelling led migration); copyright LRC
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Please note that the UDP 1st Deposit was in 1999 as such the 1991 Census was used as the base year for statistical analysis.

**Figure 7.3** London Borough of Merton
Household Trends and Projections 1961 - 2016


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**Figure 7.4** London Borough of Merton
Household Size 1961 - 1991