

From: The National Trust - Date: 30.01.2013

Thanks you for your reply which is immensely reassuring to us. To confirm the National Trust is the freeholder for the land occupied by Capital Gardens and they have a leasehold interest. We are aware of their representation in the stage 2 consultations. Our reply, in essence is that the MOL designation serves a distinct and different planning purpose to the Historic Park and Garden (Registered Landscape) and Conservation Area designations. In the longer term interests of the land it should remain contiguous with the whole MOL and not be divided because the car park and structures constitute development. We also rely upon the strategic allocation in the London Plan and the fact that the land is within National Trust ownership and as such serves a purpose to provide public benefit in this case. Many thanks for your consideration of these issues.

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Subject: RE: Sites and Policies Development Plan Document (Stage 3)
Consultation to 27th Feb 2013.

Dear Mr Stubbs,

Thank you for your email and I can confirm that it is the council's view that Morden Hall Park will remain designated as MOL. You will note from the 'Policies Map – MOL' on page number 206 of the consultation document, that there are no changes proposed to the existing MOL boundary at Morden Hall Park.

I am presuming that the Map C2 that you refer to is the one on page number 449 of the consultation document and I can confirm that, as a result of the open space criteria that is set out on pages 445-446, the council is proposing to designate an additional area at the south-eastern end of Morden Hall Park, near the Surrey Arms public house, as open space.

I would also like to draw your attention to this <http://www.merton.gov.uk/environment/planning/planningpolicy/ldf/sites_policies_dpd/daltonwarnerdavis_for_morden_hall_garden_centre_march12.pdf> representation, which was received as part of the previous 'Stage 2' public consultation, regarding the designation of the land at the Morden Hall Garden Centre. I was wondering whether the National Trust is the freeholder of this land and whether you have any comments with regards to the proposals within the representation?

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any further information.

Regards

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Date: 23rd January 2013

The National Trust is grateful for the opportunity to submit comments to the LB Merton Sites and Policies DPD (stage 3) consultation. Our key area of interest here being the protective designations and public benefits provided by National Trust land at Morden Hall Park. We note that Morden Hall Park is denoted as an open space (reference M001) and that section 5 of the policies on open space and at point (a) reinforce the point that the Local Planning Authority will continue to protect MOL from inappropriate development and that this objective cross-refers to policy C13 in the Core Strategy to protect MOL and policy DM 10 (in the current consultation) to protect open spaces.

We are supportive of the point made in paragraph 5.21 that the Council will work with partner bodies, such as the National Trust. The Trusts' land at Morden Hall Park serves a wide public benefit. We would be grateful for clarification that Morden Hall Park is indeed protected and maintained as Metropolitan Open Land in the forthcoming Development Plan Document. We ask this because while the document confirms the SINC status and historic (registered landscape) status of Morden Hal Park but that its principal land use function is as 'open space' (refer to status M001 and Map C2 of the current consultation), while it is denoted as a site of grade 1 Borough importance in the Merton Open Spaces Study 2010-11 (in table 5.2 of that document) and as Metropolitan Open Land in the London Plan at the natural environment section dealing with London's Strategic Open Space network. As Morden Hall Park serves a strategic open space function, similar to the Trust's Osterley Park, we would seek clarification that it is indeed MOL.

The National Trust is grateful for this clarification. If it is the case that Morden Hall Park is being changed in status from MOL to open land, we would seek to oppose this as this land does serve a strategic purpose as acknowledged by the London Plan.

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