

From: Tree Warden Group Merton.

Part 1 Draft detailed Planning policies

DM C2 Education for children and young people

Where schools are next to public open spaces which are used by the school as play areas or playing fields, particularly if the school has sole use during school hours, the school should pay for their use. When schools received local management status they became the equivalent of private companies and so should fund the use of public facilities. This would be a source of income for Greenspaces which has suffered significant budget cuts in recent times.

DM H4 demolition and redevelopment of a single dwelling house

The policy should include consideration of the impact on the surrounding environment and resist applications that fill the site as they damage conservation areas, where they are most likely to be built.

DM 01 Open space

SA/ SEA implications

5.1

Add.and can accommodate trees that alleviate flooding and mitigate climate change.

Justification

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Add. Ditto above.

DM 02 Trees, hedges and landscape features

Policy b)

Add iv. within a conservation area and has amenity value only to neighbouring residents (to avoid the wholesale clearance of gardens in conservation areas which is occurring increasingly frequently)

Clause 5.24 needs correction.

BS 5837:2005 has been revised and updated and is now BS 5837:2012 Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction.

Clause 5.27 needs clarification.

Does this mean that the arboricultural officers will deliver and monitor or someone unnamed?

DM D2 Alterations and extensions to existing buildings

To respect the living conditions of existing residents, the number of planning approvals for basement constructions should be a limited, particularly in conservation areas where they are most likely to occur.

DM F2 Sustainable drainage systems (SuDs) and

Add to b) or d) a recommendation to encourage tree planting to help deal with flooding and drainage.

DM D4 Urban design and the public realm

6.45

The Design SPG should include protection of the visual amenity of neighbouring properties and prevent the wholesale clearance of back gardens.

Appendices

B1 Metropolitan Open Land

Add Ravensbury Park and Prince George's playing fields which have MOL designation

C3/ C4 SINCs

Add Ravensbury Park which has SINC designation

D2 Part 2: Historic Parks and Gardens

Add Ravensbury Park and Morden Park

Plans

The Canons, Mitcham should be included to the Wandle Valley Regional Park boundary.

Wimbledon sub area

Dundonald rec and Haydons rd rec should be shown and labelled with 'Protect open space' to be consistent with South Park Gardens, as they are no less important to locals despite not having a listed designation.

AND FINALLY

PO22 - Prince George's Fields

It should be made clear that as the definitions of 'open space' that are being used cover a *'broad range of types of open space within London, whether in public or private ownership and whether public access is **unrestricted, limited or restricted***', the basis on which **open space deficiency** for general recreation will continue to be assessed will be based solely on **fully** publicly accessible open space.

The reasons for this are that some open spaces such as Prince George's Playing Fields are privately owned and **not** available to the public for unrestricted general recreation. This particular site is wrongly shown on Figure 21.1 Merton's Open Spaces in the adopted LDF Core Strategy as being 'publicly accessible'.