

# **Merton Council Council**

**19 November 2014**

## **Tabled Amendments**

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**COUNCIL MEETING – WEDNESDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2014**  
**ITEM 13**  
**LABOUR AMENDMENT TO MOTION ON NOTICE**

After the first paragraph insert new paragraph as follows:

“Council welcomes this investment in Merton’s future and congratulates the Future Merton team on undertaking intensive consultation around all of these developments to ensure the views of residents are heard.

Council further notes that, unlike a number of other councils, Merton has successfully completed the detailed process of developing a Local Plan for the borough. This comprehensive series of documents sets out an overarching strategic vision for the borough’s future development whilst also incorporating more detailed considerations of particular town centres, such as Morden, Mitcham, Colliers Wood and Wimbledon and sets out the infrastructural needs and opportunities arising from future development.”

In the existing third paragraph, before “the major concern” insert “one of” and replace “concern” with “concerns”.

After the existing third paragraph add new paragraph as follows:

“Council therefore welcomes the administration’s creation of more than 2,000 extra school places in our local primary schools with 2,000 more planned and, following on from this success, the secondary school strategy being implemented by the administration to ensure all our young people can attend a good local school. Council further welcomes the administration’s commitment to tackling traffic congestion in the borough through a series of measures to smooth traffic flow and reduce traffic and parking contraventions. The council’s ambitious plans for Merton’s future make it even more important that we continue our fight to maintain accident and emergency, maternity and related services at St Helier hospital. However, council regrets the threatened closure of the Vineyard Hill surgery in Wimbledon, noting that lack of government investment in the NHS is a real issue in London and the closure of this surgery can only add to the issues our residents face in trying to get a GP appointment locally.”

In the final paragraph, at the beginning of bullet point A insert “continue to” and at the beginning of bullet point B insert “continue to”.

**Motion now to read**

This Council notes the various consultations that have been conducted by the London Borough of Merton in recent years on proposed regeneration schemes around the borough. These have included:

- Rediscover Mitcham;
- Connecting Colliers Wood;
- Rainbow Industrial Estate Planning Brief;
- Morden Station Planning Brief;

- 'Future Wimbledon' conference and ideas competition on the evolution of Wimbledon town centre over the next 15 years; and
- The Local Plan for the Ravensbury, High Path and Eastfields housing estates.

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This Council understands and takes seriously its responsibility not only to listen to the views of residents and businesses about significant changes proposed for their neighbourhoods but also to act on the results of these consultations to ensure that any plans drawn up by town planners, architects and developers are translated into a real and deliverable vision, which enjoys the support of the local community and brings tangible benefits to the people living and working here.

Furthermore, this Council appreciates the importance of investing in high quality homes and stronger communities, and not just in buildings, and recognises that one of the major concerns raised by residents about large scale regeneration projects is their impact on local infrastructure such as school places, traffic congestion, parking and health services.

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This Council therefore calls on the Cabinet to:

- a) continue to set out its strategic vision, priorities and timetable for its overarching regeneration plan for Merton and the key elements within it; and
- b) continue to provide a clear and strategic plan for the specific infrastructure required to accompany such regeneration in each location around the

borough, including how this is to be delivered in partnership with the relevant developers and other organisations.

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AMENDMENT TO RECOMMENDATIONS AGENDA ITEM 18  
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*Councillor Suzanne Grocott will move and Councillor Stephen Crowe will second that the words underlined in the amended recommendations below be inserted.*

**Agenda Item 18 – Additions to the Approved Capital Programme above £500,000**

**Recommendations:**

That Council approves the following two schemes for inclusion in the Capital Programme:

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<b>Funding</b>		
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Revenue Contribution to the Capital Programme	0	(1,300,000)

That Council agrees that Cabinet be required to include in its proposed 2015-16 revenue budget - in addition to the Council's existing road safety budget - a growth item of an amount to be decided by Cabinet but not less than £25,000 paid for from the surplus net revenue generated by the traffic congestion and road safety measures above and designated specifically for safety improvements on the streets around Merton's schools, including the delivery of new or improved school crossings.

\*subject to reviewing the need for legal charge/financial penalties and clarification of the financial benefit to the Authority.

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*The amended recommendations would then read:*

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