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4 Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy - governance

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Subject: Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy and Carbon Offset funds

Lead officer: Chris Lee, Director for Environment and Regeneration

Lead member: Councillor Martin Whelton, Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Environment and Housing

Contact officers: Tim Catley, S106, External Funding Officer (Neighbourhood CIL), Damian Hemmings, Climate Change Officer (Carbon offset fund)

Reason for urgency: The chair has approved the submission of this report as a matter of urgency as it would have implications for the council's ability to administer the Neighbourhood CIL fund, collect and allocate carbon offsets in a timely manner and in accordance with the timescales set out in the report.

Recommendations:

- A. That Cabinet approves the governance and allocation arrangements for the Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Fund, as set out in Appendices A & B.
- B. That Cabinet note the changes to the carbon offset collection process and approve the governance and allocation arrangements for the Carbon Offset Fund, as set out in Appendix C.

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1. This report is being brought to Cabinet for oversight and approval of the processes for allocating funds from two funding sources derived from new development namely:
 - (i) The neighbourhood proportion of Merton Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) income (the 'Neighbourhood Fund') and;
 - (ii) Payment collected to offset the carbon impact of new development (the 'Carbon Offset Fund').
- 1.2. The two reports are taken together as they both address funding derived from planning / new development arising in the borough, albeit from different legislation and for differing purposes.

2 DETAILS

- 2.1. Full details of the Neighbourhood Fund are set out in Appendices A & B of this report. Details of the Carbon Offset Fund are set out in Appendices C–E.

3 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 3.1. As detailed in the reports set out in Appendices A & C.

4 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN OR PROPOSED

4.1. As detailed in the reports set out in Appendices A & C.

5 TIMETABLE

5.1. As detailed in the reports set out in Appendices A & C.

6 FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS

6.1. As detailed in the reports set out in Appendices A & C.

7 LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

7.1. As detailed in the reports set out in Appendices A & C.

8 HUMAN RIGHTS, EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY COHESION IMPLICATIONS

8.1. None for the purposes of this report.

9 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

9.1. None for the purposes of this report.

10 RISK MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

10.1. None for the purposes of this report.

11 APPENDICES – THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE TO BE PUBLISHED WITH THIS REPORT AND FORM PART OF THE REPORT

- (i) Appendix A: Community Infrastructure Levy – Neighbourhood Fund
- (ii) Appendix B: Governance and allocation arrangements for assessing bids for CIL Neighbourhood Funds
- (iii) Appendix C: Merton Carbon Offset Fund
- (iv) Appendix D: Local carbon offset funds allocation
- (v) Appendix E: Governance and allocation arrangements for carbon offset funds

12 BACKGROUND PAPERS

12.1. Merton Cabinet meeting 19 September - agenda item 6

12.2. The findings of the neighbourhood priorities consultation carried out from 28 November 2016 to 28 January 2017

Appendix A: Community Infrastructure Levy – Neighbourhood Fund

Contact officer: Tim Catley, S.106/External Funding Officer

Recommendations:

- A. Approve the governance and allocation arrangements for the Neighbourhood Fund set out at Appendix B
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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1. This report is being brought to Cabinet to set out how the council will administer the neighbourhood proportion of Merton CIL Community Infrastructure Levy income (Neighbourhood Fund).
- 1.2. It is recommended that Cabinet approves the governance and allocation arrangements for the Neighbourhood Fund set out at Appendix B.

2 DETAILS

- 2.1. Since 2014 the Council has been collecting Community Infrastructure Levy funding and has received over £777,000 to be spent on neighbourhood projects (the Neighbourhood Fund). None of this has been allocated or spent yet.
- 2.2. Under the CIL Regulations, the Neighbourhood Fund must be spent on local projects to support the demands development places on the area.
- 2.3. Government guidance states that local authorities should engage local communities and agree with them how to best spend the Neighbourhood Fund, and that governance should be proportionate to the level of receipts.
- 2.4. On 19 September 2016 Cabinet authorised governance parameters and public consultation to identify the communities' priorities for spending the Neighbourhood Fund.
- 2.5. The council undertook the consultation between 28 November 2016 and 28 January 2017. Annex 1 of this appendix sets out the findings of the consultation.
- 2.6. Following the consultation, the council needs to agree detailed arrangements through which it can assess and approve proposals for the allocation of funding. Appendix B sets out our proposals in this regard, which Cabinet is asked to approve, and sets out our proposed timetable for allocations over the next two years.

3 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 3.1. Cabinet could seek secure alternative arrangements; however it is considered that the proposed arrangements would best meet the parameters that Cabinet approved in September 2016 so that delivery of the priorities identified during the public consultation.

4 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN OR PROPOSED

- 4.1. The council undertook the consultation between 28 November 2016 and 28 January 2017. The findings of the consultation are set out in Annex 1 of this appendix.

5. TIMETABLE

- 5.1 Appendix B sets out the proposed timetable to implement the arrangements over the next two years.

6 FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1. The administration proposed governance and allocation procedures will require resourcing by CIL officers in Future Merton funded from the proportion of CIL revenues that can be used for administration of CIL. The procedures would support projects that would have been prioritised without CIL enabling saving of council borrowings for capital funding) so there is a potential for a revenue saving for the Council.

7 LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1. Under the CIL Regulations the Neighbourhood Fun, must be spent on local projects to support the demands development places on the borough.
- 7.2. Government guidance states that local authorities should engage local communities and agree with them how to best spend the Neighbourhood Fund and that the cost of administering the fund should be reasonable and proportionate to the amount of funding received.

8 HUMAN RIGHTS, EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY COHESION IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1. The council is seeking an equitable distribution of Neighbourhood CIL funding across Merton to address the demands that development places on the borough.
- 8.2. One of the key criteria against which projects will be considered is the council's Community Plan 2013 in order to help improve the lives of everyone living, working or studying in the borough. Any projects for which the funding is subsequently sought under the finally agreed arrangements will need to consider human rights, equalities and community cohesion, but also how it will bridge the gap.

9 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1. One of the key criteria against which projects will be considered is the council's Community Plan 2013, which includes improving community cohesion and safety. Any projects for which the funding is subsequently sought under the finally agreed arrangements would need to address these requirements, where applicable.

10 RISK MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1. Any projects for which the funding is subsequently sought under the finally agreed arrangements would need to address these requirements, where applicable.

ANNEX 1

Neighbourhood CIL Consultation Report – November 2016-January 2017

[to be added when creating the PDF for publication. Until then to be provided as a separate MS Word document]

Appendix B: Governance and allocation arrangements for assessing bids for CIL Neighbourhood funds

Step 1 – community “proposals”

Individuals, groups or organisations, external to the Council (“proposers”) with proposals that they would like to be considered for the Neighbourhood Fund are asked to work with their ward councillors who can then work with the Council to identify potential bids for the funding– see Step 3 – “Assessing bids” below. A “proposal template” will be provided for this purpose.

Step 2 – preparing and submitting “bids”

The Council will work to identify projects to allocate the funding to, including proposals identified by councillors and members of the community under Step 1 above. The Council will then be responsible for making bids for Neighbourhood Fund funding.

Step 3 – Assessing Bids

All proposals will be evaluated by officers, with issues fed back to the proposer(s) and bidders where appropriate. Proposers will be informed of the results of their bids with reasons for the decision recorded and notified to proposers and bidders using a “decision template”.

Assessment criteria

Bids will be assessed against the following criteria:

- a. Spending Neighbourhood CIL would need to accord with the CIL Regulations and government guidance on CIL.
- b. The proposal should demonstrate how it helps to deliver Merton’s Community Plan, including objectives such as bridging the gap, a healthy and fulfilling life, improving community safety and contributing to the community.
- c. The proposal must be an appropriate use of use of the funds and should not have any unacceptable financial implications (either capital or ongoing revenue funding) on the council or any other body.
- d. Estimated cost of the proposal should aim to be over £20,000.
- e. The proposal should be deliverable and capable of being started within the year ahead.
- f. Proposals should have endorsement by at least one ward member.
- g. Proposals should clearly demonstrate how it meets neighbourhood priorities. We will be looking for projects that clearly fall within one or more of the priorities favoured by the neighbourhood where the proposal would be located (or neighbourhood that would benefit most from the proposal) as demonstrated by the results of the Neighbourhood CIL public consultation (Nov 2016-Jan 2017).

Step 4 – Decision Making – Bid Selection

Officers will set out their preferred bids to be allocated Neighbourhood Funding in a report for Cabinet consideration setting out the reasons why the recommended allocations are supported in comparison to other bids. The Sustainable Communities panel will be able to scrutinise the report and make any recommendations to cabinet.

Step 5 – Project Delivery

Projects would be delivered in the same way as any other scheme in the Council's finance programme. Expenditure of the Neighbourhood Fund will be monitored and reports will be published annually in Merton's Annual Monitoring Report in accordance with the CIL Regulations.

Step 6 – Re-consultation on priorities

After at least three years the Council will seek the views of Merton's neighbourhood communities again. If the results of this further consultation shows that communities have changed their priorities then this change in priorities will be applied when the council assesses bids under criteria g. above.

Timescales

The fund will operate on a (financial) yearly basis as follows:

Bids for projects requiring delivery during a particular year will be assessed together in the preceding year. Timescales for the first four years as follows:

Year 1 –to 31st March 2017

<i>Dates</i>	<i>Tasks</i>
<i>November – January</i>	Consultation
<i>January – March</i>	Assessing results of consultation.

Year 2 – 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2017

<i>Dates</i>	<i>Tasks</i>
<i>September/October</i>	Publish priorities for each neighbourhood. Publish proposals form and governance framework. Proposals submitted by members of communities to ward councillors (step 1)
<i>End of October</i>	Closing date for Bids to be submitted (step 2)
<i>September - November</i>	Bids assessed (step 3)
<i>October/November</i>	Bid selection - (step 4) Officers prepare report of recommendations for bid selection. Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Panel scrutinise report and make recommendations to officers recommendations Cabinet/Full Council bid selection
<i>November to April</i>	Preparations for project implementation

Year 3 – 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019

<i>Dates</i>	<i>Tasks</i>
<i>April to March</i>	Project delivery/expenditure (step 5)
	Steps 1 to 4 repeated

Year 4 – 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020

<i>Dates</i>	<i>Tasks</i>
<i>April to March</i>	Reconsult Merton's neighbourhood communities on priority themes (step 6) Project delivery/expenditure (step 5) following conclusion of steps 1 to 4 in year 3. Steps 1 to 4 repeated

Appendix C: Merton Carbon Offset Fund

Contact officer: Damian Hemmings, Climate Change Officer

Recommendations:

- A. That Merton directs all secured carbon offset funding to a Merton carbon offset fund.
 - B. That carbon offset funding is collected at commencement and allocated to local projects upon application to a Merton carbon offset fund.
 - C. That any associated revenue generated from carbon offset projects is considered for use in Merton carbon offset fund for reinvestment in more carbon saving activities.
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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1. Under regional planning policy (The London Plan), all new developments are required to achieve a minimum standard of energy use and carbon emissions performance. Any development that fails to achieve the minimum standards may offset their carbon emissions shortfall via cash in lieu contributions. The 'carbon offset' payment is then used to deliver local carbon saving projects.
- 1.2. In October 2016, the London Plan minimum energy performance standard for major (≥ 10 units) domestic developments was increased. As a result, more new developments in Merton have needed to make higher value carbon offset payments in order to achieve policy compliance.
- 1.3. Over the last eight months Merton has agreed (or is due to agree) carbon offset contributions totalling £280,000. This is a significant increase on the total of £155,000 collected over the eight years from 2008-2016. Over the next 12-months carbon offset payments are anticipated to exceed £500,000.
- 1.4. Carbon offset funding has the potential to provide a significant and ongoing source of funding to deliver local carbon saving activities, including both capital (e.g. solar PV on households/community assets) and revenue (e.g. behavioural change) based projects.
- 1.5. Future Merton is seeking approval to adjust the current approach for collecting and allocating carbon offset funds in order to:
 - (i) Allow a more flexible and effective approach to funding local carbon saving projects;
 - (ii) Ensure greater consistency with the approach taken in other London Planning Authorities;
 - (iii) Consider that revenue generated as a result of a carbon saving project could be reinvested to deliver further carbon savings across the borough.

2 DETAILS

- 2.1. Any development proposal in London that fails to meet the carbon emissions performance requirements under local or London Plan policies is liable to offset any emissions shortfall via a 'carbon offset' payment. This contribution is required to make the development acceptable in planning term and is secured by Section 106 (S.106) agreement.

- 2.2. As of 2016, 69% of London Planning Authorities (LPAs) (24/35) were actively applying carbon offset payments (or had imminent plans to do so).
- 2.3. Historically, the levels of carbon offset payments in Merton (and across wider London) were relatively modest as most developments could achieve the necessary performance standards on site.
- 2.4. Since 1st October 2016, a step-change in performance requirements under the London Plan has meant that major (≥ 10 units) domestic developments are required to deliver a 100% improvement on current (2013) Building Regulations performance; a standard commonly known as 'Zero Carbon'.
- 2.5. To meet Zero Carbon, all major domestic developments need to make a financial contribution to offset the carbon emissions not achieved onsite. This is usually 60-65% of the development's emissions. In Merton the offset payment broadly equates to £1,700 per residential unit; although the final cost will depend upon the level of emissions reductions achieved onsite.
- 2.6. This policy change has markedly increased the carbon offset income in all London Planning Authorities. Merton's offset income has increased from £155,000 over the eight years from 2008-2016, to over £280,000 in the last eight months. The level of future income may exceed £500,000 per annum, based on projections of major domestic planning applications.
- 2.7. While the opportunity and level of funding has increased, the delivery of carbon saving projects in Merton is currently limited by a number of factors:
 - Carbon offset funding is typically collected upon completion/occupation of the scheme, so the timescales for receiving funding are uncertain. This makes the forward planning and strategic delivery of carbon offset projects extremely challenging.
 - The carbon saving project to be delivered is currently specified in the S.106 agreement, so as to ensure compliance with S.106 pooling restrictions (ensuring that no more than five S.106 contributions fund any given project). This approach provides little flexibility and limits the opportunity to respond to changing technologies or circumstances.
 - As individual carbon offset agreements are usually relatively small in value, the scope for delivering larger projects that deliver higher carbon savings is fairly limited.
- 2.8. To better utilise carbon offset funding and deliver wider community benefits, Future Merton is seeking to vary the process for managing carbon offset funding to allow it to be utilised in a more strategic and flexible manner.

3 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 3.1. The approaches to the collection and management of carbon offset funds vary between different planning authorities. Merton currently secures carbon offset payments upon completion of the development with offset funds directed to a specific project identified in the S.106 agreement document.
- 3.2. Authorities such as Islington, Tower Hamlets, Lewisham and Milton Keynes, have maximised the opportunities available through carbon offset funding by consolidating contributions in a ring-fenced fund. This is the approach recommended in the Mayor's Sustainable Design and Construction SPD.

- 3.3. Councils using a revolving offset fund allocate carbon offset funds on a project-by-project basis, with oversight and approval provided by an internal 'Carbon Offset Board'.
- 3.4. Merton is seeking to implement an approach more consistent with the above planning authorities, and is therefore proposing the following changes:
- (i) To collect carbon offset funds from developments at the point of commencement as opposed to occupation. This will enable carbon saving projects to be delivered by the time the development is occupied; thereby avoiding any delay in offsetting a development's carbon impact.
 - (ii) To direct all offset funds to a Merton COF. Funding will then be allocated to projects upon application to the fund, as opposed to specifying individual projects within the S.106 agreement¹. This will allow offset funds to be used more flexibly and enable up to five S.106 contributions to be directed towards a specific carbon offset project.
 - (iii) For carbon offset funding approval to be undertaken in line with existing S.106 approval processes, with oversight provided by the council's internal Climate Change Steering Group; a cross-departmental officer group chaired by the Director of Environment and Regeneration.
- 3.5. This new approach would provide council officers with greater flexibility in project scale, scope and delivery, as well as providing local stakeholders with the opportunity to apply to the COF to fund local carbon offset projects.

4 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN OR PROPOSED

- 4.1. Provision for the collection of carbon offset payments is included in Merton's Sites and Policies DPD policy DM EP3: Allowable Solutions. This was adopted by council in 2014 following a consultation and public hearing.
- 4.2. More recently, views have been sought from other London boroughs who are actively collecting carbon offset funding, including Islington and Lewisham.
- 4.3. Pan-London discussions have also occurred at officer level at the London Environmental Coordinators Forum (LECF). A questionnaire on carbon offset funding was developed by the LECF and circulated to all boroughs in April 2017. There is a desire among most boroughs to try and ensure consistency of approach in applying the carbon offset funding policy.
- 4.4. Internal officer consultation has also been undertaken via the council's Climate Change Steering Group.

5 TIMETABLE

- 5.1. Historically, S.106 payments have been secured for a limited number of developments to allow them to comply with local planning policy. Merton has been actively securing carbon offset payments for all major domestic development applications since 1st October 2016.
- 5.2. Subject to Cabinet approval, we are proposing to immediately amend the collection, management and allocation process for carbon offset funding.

6 FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS

¹ This would make the COF the default route for funds, as opposed to the 'last resort' option currently used.

- 6.1. From 2008–2015 Merton agreed in excess of £155,000 in S.106 agreements for carbon saving activities. Since 1st October 2016 Merton has secured (or is in the process of securing via planning agreement) carbon offset payments in excess of £280,000.
- 6.2. In future, Merton could expect to secure over £500,000 per annum in carbon offset payments from major domestic developments. This will increase again if the Zero Carbon standard is introduced for non-domestic buildings in 2019.
- 6.3. Over £130,000 of carbon offset funding has been allocated to local projects to date (Appendix D), including the installation of solar PV in Morden Hall Park.
- 6.4. In future, the intention will be to direct carbon offset funds towards carbon saving measures in local public and council-owned community assets.. Subsequently, funds could be used to help address fuel poverty by delivering energy improvements in local housing stock.
- 6.5. Additionally, there is scope for carbon offset funds to be invested in projects that generate a financial return or income (e.g. solar PV installations). The associated revenue could then be used to support more local carbon saving activity to provide added value.

7 LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1. Merton is required to ensure that development proposals adhere to London Plan and Local Plan policies, which require carbon offset payments to be secured in a local offset fund and used to secure carbon savings elsewhere.
- 7.2. Provision for the collection of cash in lieu contributions for carbon offset funding is included in:
 - (i) Policy 5.2 and 5.4 of the London Plan²
 - (ii) Section 2.5 of the Mayor’s Sustainable Design and Construction SPD³
 - (iii) Policy DM EP3 of Merton’s Sites and Policies Plan
- 7.3. Merton’s approach to calculating the cost of carbon offset payments is consistent with the methodology outlined in the above guidance.
- 7.4. There are restrictions that apply to the collection and use of S.106 funding that dictate how a local planning authority collects and uses the funds:
 - (i) S.106 pooling restrictions prevent councils from collecting more than five separate planning obligations for any one project or type of infrastructure.
 - (ii) CIL Charging Authorities are not permitted to secure S.106 Obligations for projects included on their CIL Regulation 123 List. Hence no energy or climate related infrastructure is included on Merton’s 123 List.
- 7.5. Under the recommended governance and allocation process detailed in Appendix E, local carbon offset funding will continue to be secured using existing processes for S.106. Funds will be allocated on a project-by-project basis, with a maximum of five contributions directed to one project, in accordance with the S106 regulations.
- 7.6. We propose that carbon offset funding approval and oversight is provided by the council’s internal Climate Change Steering Group in the first instance, as

² <https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/planning/london-plan/current-london-plan/london-plan-chapter-five-londons-response/policy>

³ https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gla_migrate_files_destination/Sustainable%20Design%20%26%20Construction%20SPG.pdf

this is best placed to review the associated carbon benefits of any such proposals.

- 7.7. Should a project of significant capital investment be proposed, the scheme would be escalated to the Capital Programme Board or Cabinet for approval.

8 HUMAN RIGHTS, EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY COHESION IMPLICATIONS

8.1. None for the purposes of this report.

9 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

9.1. None for the purposes of this report.

10 RISK MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

10.1. None for the purposes of this report.

Appendix D: Local carbon offset funds allocation

Merton carbon offset funds		
Total agreed contributions*	Amount secured (received) to date	Funds allocated to projects
£437,587	£135,317	£86,792

**Subject to commencement/completion of the planning scheme*

Project already supported	Date	Funds allocated
Solar PVs on the pavilion at Raynes Park High School Sports Ground	July 2011	£17,000
Contribute towards Solar Electric and Thermal Panels (PVT panels) on the Stable Yard at Morden Hall Park	November 2011 – June 2012	£16,000 + £2,279
Solar PV panels on Hazlemere School as part of the Wandle Valley Low Carbon Zone	August 2011	£23,435
Solar PVs at High Path Day Centre <i>(installed February 2012; the solar panels can be moved to another site)</i>	February 2012	£17,376
Solar PVs at Deen City Farm	May 2016	£10,702
TOTAL RECEIVED		£86,792

Appendix E: Governance and allocation arrangements for the Carbon Offset Fund

Carbon offset project may be proposed by individuals, groups or organisations external to the council, as well as by council officers.

The below steps outline the proposed process for parties bidding for and securing carbon offset funding.

Step 1 – Compliant carbon offset proposals

Individuals, groups or organisations submit proposals they would like to be considered for carbon offset funding support via a 'proposal template'.

All proposals will initially be reviewed by officers in Future Merton, with any issues or clarifications fed back to the proposer(s), where appropriate.

Step 2 – Assessment

Proposals seeking funding support will be assessed by officers against the agreed 'assessment criteria', which will be available on the council's website.

- a. Proposals must comprise a sensible use of funds and deliver local carbon saving activity (although savings are not required on a 1:1 basis).*
- b. Proposals should help support the transition to a low carbon economy.*
- c. Proposals should demonstrate additionality (i.e. the project would not have happened under a 'business as usual' scenario).*
- d. Proposed schemes must not have any unacceptable revenue or capital implications on the council or any other body.*
- e. Proposals should deliver wider social benefits, where possible.*
- f. The proposal should be deliverable and capable of being started within twelve months of approval.*
- g. Proposal should provide access to monitoring data and information, as required by the council, for audit purposes.*

Compliant proposals will be highlighted in a quarterly report to the council's Climate Change Steering Group, chaired by the Director of Environment and Regeneration.

Step 3 – Authorisation

The Climate Change Steering Group will consider the proposals in accordance with the assessment criteria and authorise approved projects.

Council officers will be responsible for processing the approved proposals and submitting the documentation through the Section 106 process to secure funds.

Step 4 – Notification

Proposers will be informed of successful bids via a "decision notice" template.

Step 5 – Project Delivery

Projects will be delivered in the same way as 'mainstream schemes' in the Council's capital programme. Expenditure will be monitored and reports published annually in Merton's Annual Monitoring Report.

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Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL): neighbourhood fund consultation report March 2017

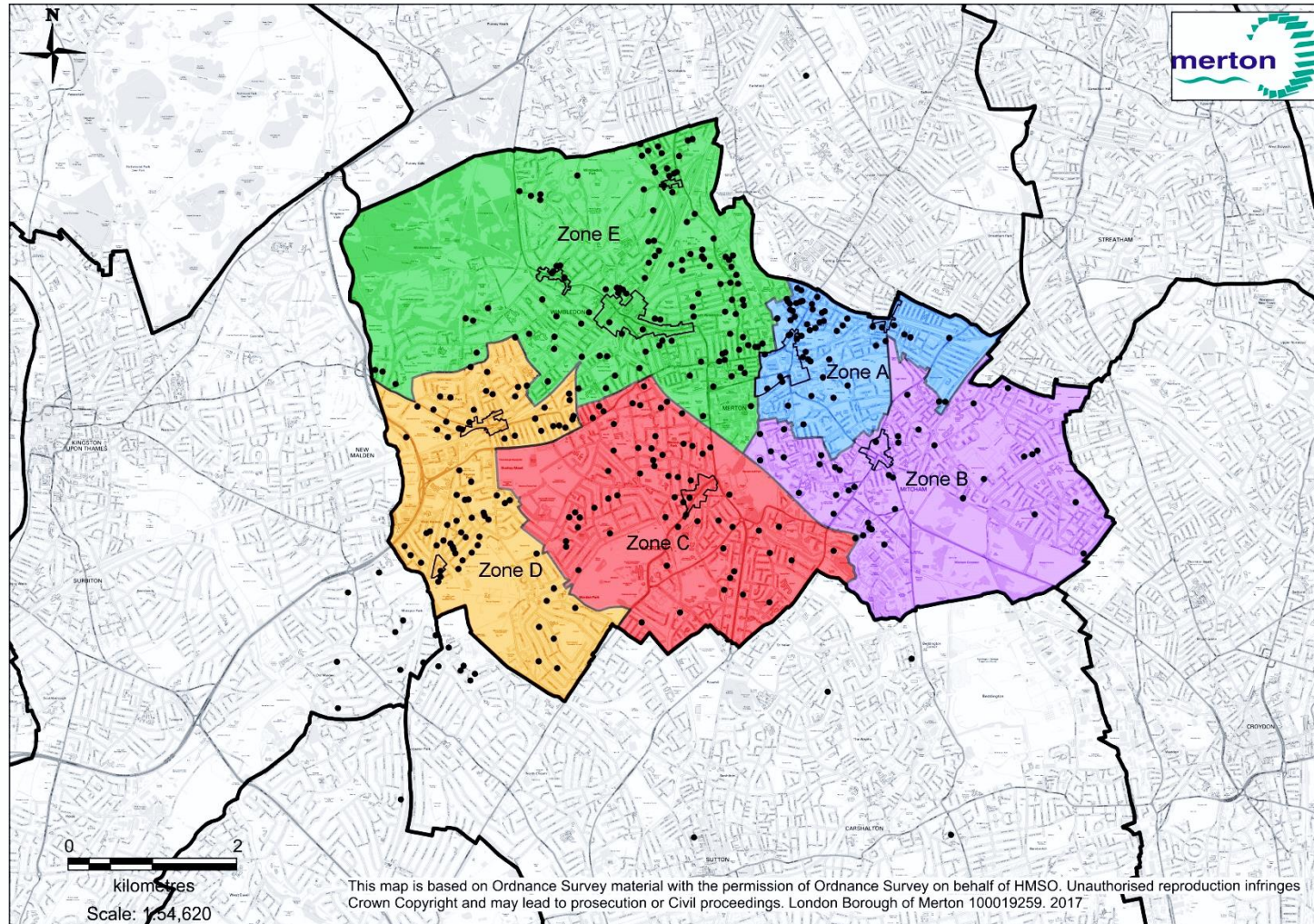
1 Introduction.

- 1.1 Merton's Community Infrastructure Levy has been collected by the council since April 2014. Under government's CIL regulations :
- 15% of the money received must be spent on priorities to address demands that new development place on our neighbourhoods in Merton. The council is paying this money into a fund called Merton's "*Neighbourhood Fund*" for this purpose.
 - Up to 5% can be used to administer CIL in Merton
 - The remaining money (up to 80%), may be spent on strategic infrastructure projects that benefit the whole borough.
- 1.2 The amount available for the CIL Neighbourhood Fund in Merton as at November 2016 was just over £500,000 for the whole borough.
- 1.3 We asked people to respond with their priority for each of five neighbourhoods in Merton according to the map in figure 1 in order to get a better understanding of what the priorities were in each neighbourhood for community facilities, green spaces, streetscapes, town centres and any other matters.
- 1.4 The findings of this report will be used to guide how Merton's CIL Neighbourhood Fund will be allocated Other matters will also influence how Merton's CIL neighbourhood fund will be allocated such as whether the scheme meets government's CIL Regulations.
- 1.5 Councillors will consider these findings later in 2017 as part of a report setting out Merton's approach to the allocation of Merton's Neighbourhood Fund.
- 1.6 The contents of this report is set out as follows:
- How we consulted and number of responses received
 - Part 1: borough-wide consultation responses and analysis
 - Part 2: consultation responses and analysis by neighbourhood
 - Appendix: consultation material

2 How we consulted and responses received

- 1.7 During the consultation held during November 2016 – January 2017 the council asked residents, community groups and businesses and anyone with an interest in Merton for their views on the priorities for Merton’s neighbourhood CIL.
- 1.8 The council used different methods of public engagement to maximise public involvement and raise awareness of the consultation. The reason being it is a user friendly, recognisable and trusted. As well as Survey Monkey other consultation methods used for the consultation were:
- An online survey was conducted using Survey Monkey. 98% of the 470 responses received were via Survey Monkey.
 - Posters and postcard displayed at Merton’s reference libraries
 - Dedicated webpage with a link to the survey
 - Consultation details tweeted on Merton’s Twitter account and information on the council’s Facebook page
 - Consultation information was placed on the council’s website home page
 - Formal written consultation letters and emails sent to local residents, businesses, residential groups/organisations, environmental stake holders e.g. Environment Agency and other interested parties
 - Reminder emails and letters- informing local community that there was still time to take part in the consultation
- 1.9 A total of 470 responses were received. 98% were received via the online survey (Survey Monkey) the remaining 2% were either email or postal letter. Figure 1 below shows the geographic spread of respondents (for those that gave postcodes).

Figure1: Merton's CIL neighbourhoods – used to identify what priorities



Part one: Consultation responses and analysis: borough wide

Figure 2: Survey Q1

Q1 Please rank your priorities from 1 - 5 (* 5 being a top priority and 1 being a low priority). If your priority is not listed in Q1 please select 'Other' to rank the priority and state what the priority is in Q2.

Answered: 463 Skipped: 0

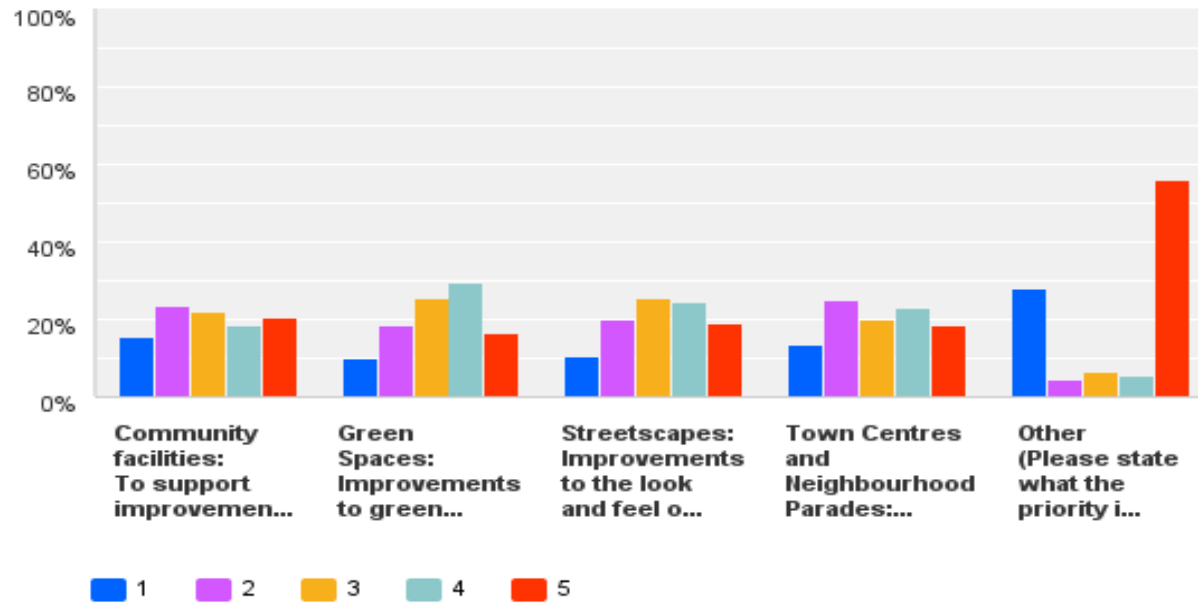


Figure 3: Breakdown of question 1 in percentages and actual number of responses (in brackets)

Priority (5 being a top priority and 1 being a low priority)	1 star	2 stars	3 stars	4 stars	5 stars
Community facilities: To support improvements to community facilities such as libraries and leisure centres and to support walking and cycling	16% (54)	23% (80)	22% (75)	18% (63)	21% (71)
Green Spaces: Improvements to green space such as recreation grounds and nature walks	10% (36)	19% (67)	25% (91)	30% (106)	16% (59)
Streetscapes: Improvements to the look and feel of residential streets such as roads, pavements and other landscape features.	11% (38)	20% (71)	26% (91)	24% (86)	19% (68)
Town Centres and Neighbourhood Parades: Initiatives such as new pavements, planting and shopfront improvements.	14% (56)	25% (97)	20% (79)	23% (89)	19% (73)
Other (Please state what the priority is in Q2.)	28% (58)	4% (9)	6% (13)	5% (11)	56% (115)

Source: Survey Monkey

Q2: If you have selected 'Other' in Q1 please state your other priority

Below is a summary of response received on question 2.

Parks and leisure

- Improvement to Sir Joseph Hood Memorial Playing Fields for example a new splash pads.
- More children play area for example South Park Gardens or Wimbledon Common
- Families and Children: Create dedicated green spaces for toddlers and keep them absolutely from dog fouling
- Access to the environment
- Much more disabled friendly and accessible playground located on central road, easy waking access between Perseid special needs schools, upper and lower school and Brightwell respite centre
- Scooter Park by Poplar School

Traffic Management, travel and parking

- Better traffic management measure across the borough and especially Haydon's Road
- Traffic management in Raynes Park town centre
- Dealing with road traffic and closing off residential streets to commercial vehicles or other 'cut through' to main roads
- Traffic calming measures on residential roads in Raynes Park
- Improvements to pedestrian footpaths, and crossing points,
- Convert a building in the Village into a car and bicycle park so shoppers are encouraged to shop locally
- More parking bays in the Village which have already been identified
- Arthur road - speed restrictions, weight limits and better traffic management
- Public transport: Haydon's road station is a ghost town. Everyone walks 20mins for alternative travel
- 20 mph speed limit and no road humps etc
- Encourage more walking and cycling
- Pedestrianised please, discourage short journeys and the school run.

Environment protection

- Monitoring pollution in Haydon's Road

Cleaning and litter

- More street cleaning
- More bins collections

- Better collection in Mitcham
- Improved facilities for disposal of dog mess, including CCTV to help catch and identify offenders
- Leaves cleared after falling from pavements and council grass verges
- Keep refuse collections weekly and scrap the introduction of ugly wheelie bins

Street improvements

- Better street lighting on Merton's street for pedestrians
- Improvements to school crossings for example Dorset Road by Park Community School

Public realm

- Morden Court parade needs a facelift
- More attention to Merton Road towards South Wimbledon Station and South Wimbledon area needs more attention and improvements
- Enhancement of Raynes Park town centre
- Plant some trees and shrubs/plants on the council estate in Pitt Crescent, Wimbledon Park
- Improve the footpath etc on Wimbledon Hill between the station and the village
- Pavement in Haydon's Road
- Raised flower beds, and tree planters to the Neighbourhood Parade immediately adjacent to Haydon's Road station
- Please clean and modernise Morden
- Regenerating the footpaths, roads and parking provision in Wimbledon Village
- Keep communal areas recently upgraded around the Colliers Wood station clean and free from chewing gum.
- Remove the bench close to the pharmacy as it attracts anti-social behaviour
- More trees on the streets
- Historic building grant
- Heritage repair grants for householders in conservation areas and other heritage assets, being c.£50k maximum annually rolled over, including admin by conservation officers

Community initiatives

- To community groups and schools to improve their own environment
- Community facilities in Longthornton
- Social clubs for elderly and people with Alzheimer's
- Social care and adult education
- Disabled and elderly

- New concert hall in Wimbledon
- More public toilets
- Support for local community groups e.g. Food Banks
- Support for community organisations that work on behalf of local people

Health and well-being

- Put physical training / exercise facilities such as bikes, monkey bars etc for both youngsters/adults and children in all parks or open spaces.
- Support for market in South Wimbledon
- Working towards Healthy Streets as they are now called which improve the environment and health of residents on every level
- Support for vulnerable residents to remain at home being properly cared for
- Help with health awareness
- Better use of community pharmacy
- Encourage self care
- Achieve public health agenda on stop smoking, activity, safer sex, alcohol consumption reduction, exercise, mental health.
- My pharmacy has been in the area for 110 years and I would like a centre for health and social integration.

The Wandle Valley Regional Park Trust:

"The Wandle Valley Regional Park Trust is currently developing its strategy and delivery priorities for the development and delivery of the Wandle Valley Regional Park. We are engaged in a number of improvement projects in all four boroughs of the Wandle Valley and are operating on a landscape scale. We see the availability of CIL funding to further the opportunity of developing a larger pot of funding to support the delivery of Green Infrastructure improvements and enhancements in parks, BIDS areas, streetscapes, shopping areas and residential areas. We see the opportunity to develop a CIL Green Fund and for the Trust to manage this fund, from a proportion of the total available CIL pot that we will attract additional funding from sponsors, developers, RSL's businesses and funders and matched by the same stakeholders in the other Wandle Valley boroughs. This funding will not be used for Trust Core funding. This will be used for infrastructure investment and to support and for community groups to apply for.

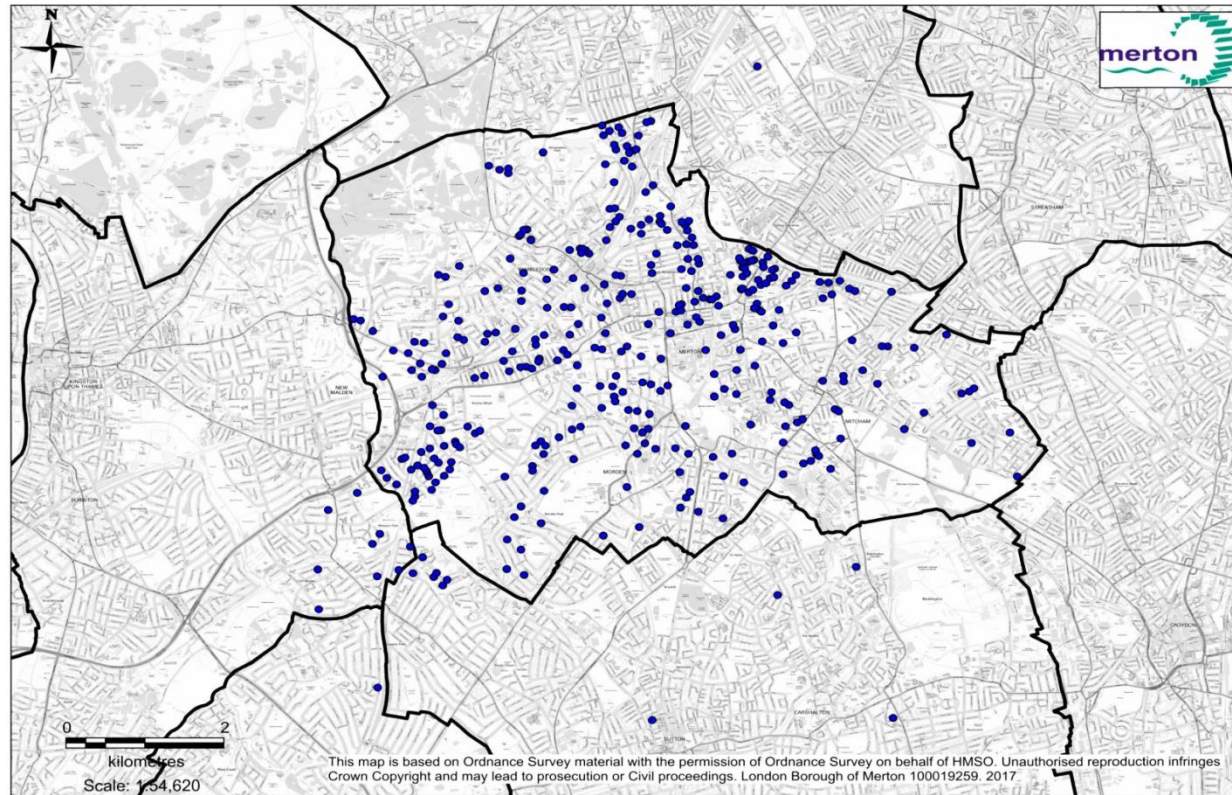
We have already had an example of this working with funding from Wandle Housing Association to develop improvements to the Wandle Trail in all four boroughs. This funding has been matched by other funders. We see this as a means to invest in green infrastructure that will attract good value for money and assist the local community in delivery".

Q3 Please tell us your name – not required for the purpose of this report

Q4: Please can you tell us your full postcode so we can understand what the priorities are for each neighbourhood for e.g. SM4 5DX.

We received a number of comment from outside Merton, from Sutton to Camden (1 comment) not illustrated on the map below.

Figure 4: Postcode breakdown of responses



3 Summary of comments received by letter and email (i.e. not using the online survey)

1.10 The council received 6 responses that were not via the online survey these were mainly from resident group/organisations. The table below is a summary of these six responses

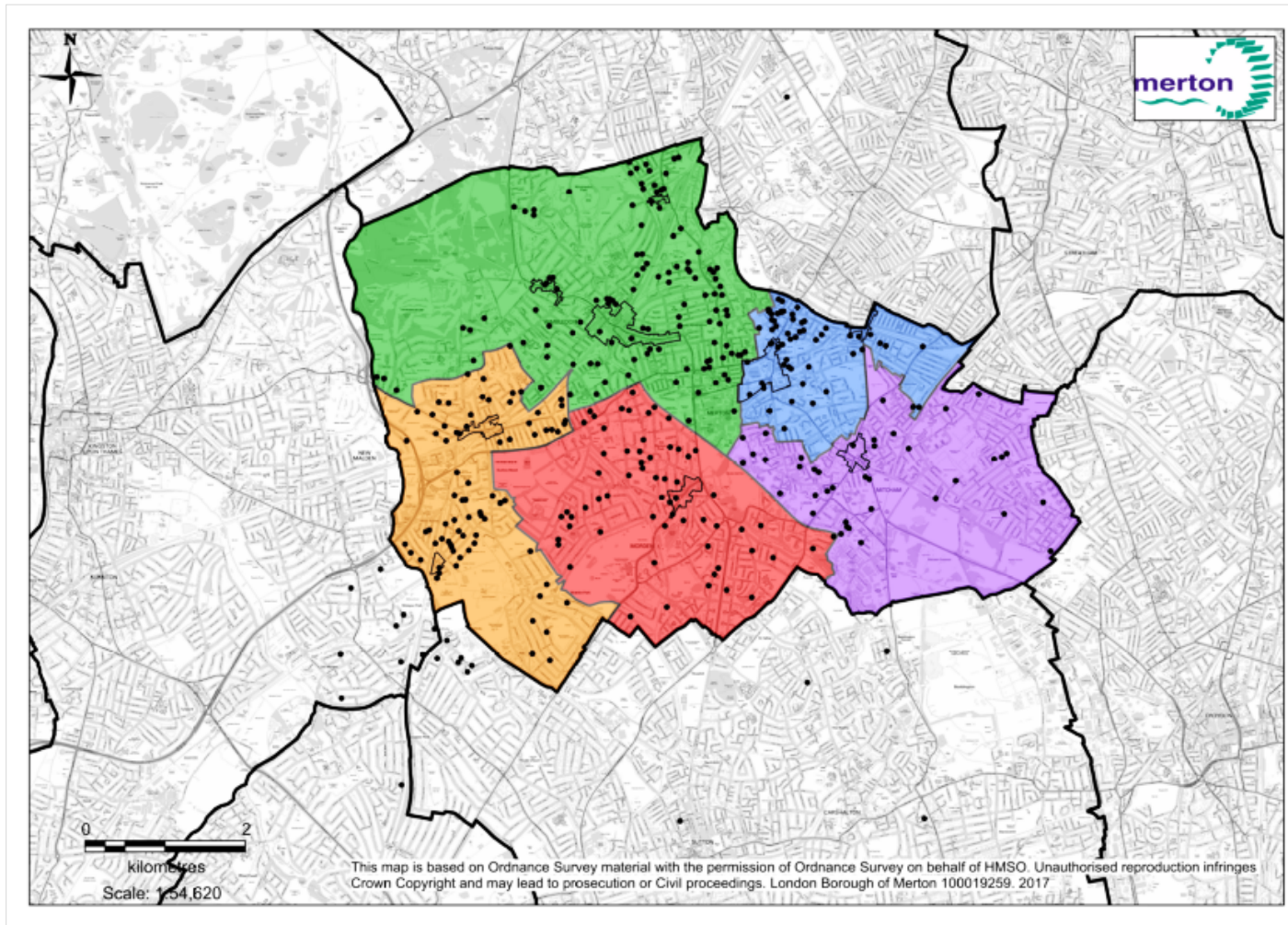
Figure 5: Non online responses summary

ID	Name of organisation	¹ CIL Zone	Summary of comments
CIL 001	Individual		Removal of graffiti Better use of the multi car park in Mitcham town roof top
CIL 002	Environment Agency		Funding towards greater enhancement and use of the river Wandle and its corridor.
CIL 003	Mitcham Cricket Green Heritage	B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement measure in the Mitcham Cricket Green Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan • New club house • Community use for the old Mitcham Fire Station • Maintain the Vestry Hall annex for a Wandle Industrial Museum • Traffic management around the town centre and improve public reteam • Better management of green spaces
CIL 004	Raynes Park Association	D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public realm improvements in West Barnes Lane • Public realm improvement and removal of clutter around the Raynes Park station • Better traffic movement and design around the town centre • Removal of advertising hoarding where they have a visual impact to nature for example trees at the bottom end of Durham road
CIL 005	Raynes Park and West Barnes Association	D	New splash pad at the Sir Joseph Hood Memorial Playing Fields
CIL 005	Wimbledon Society	E	Top priority is a historic building repair grant fund to help in the maintenance of the borough's historic structures. Lesser priorities (in order): improved green spaces, then community facilities, then local centres, then streetscape

¹ See figure 6

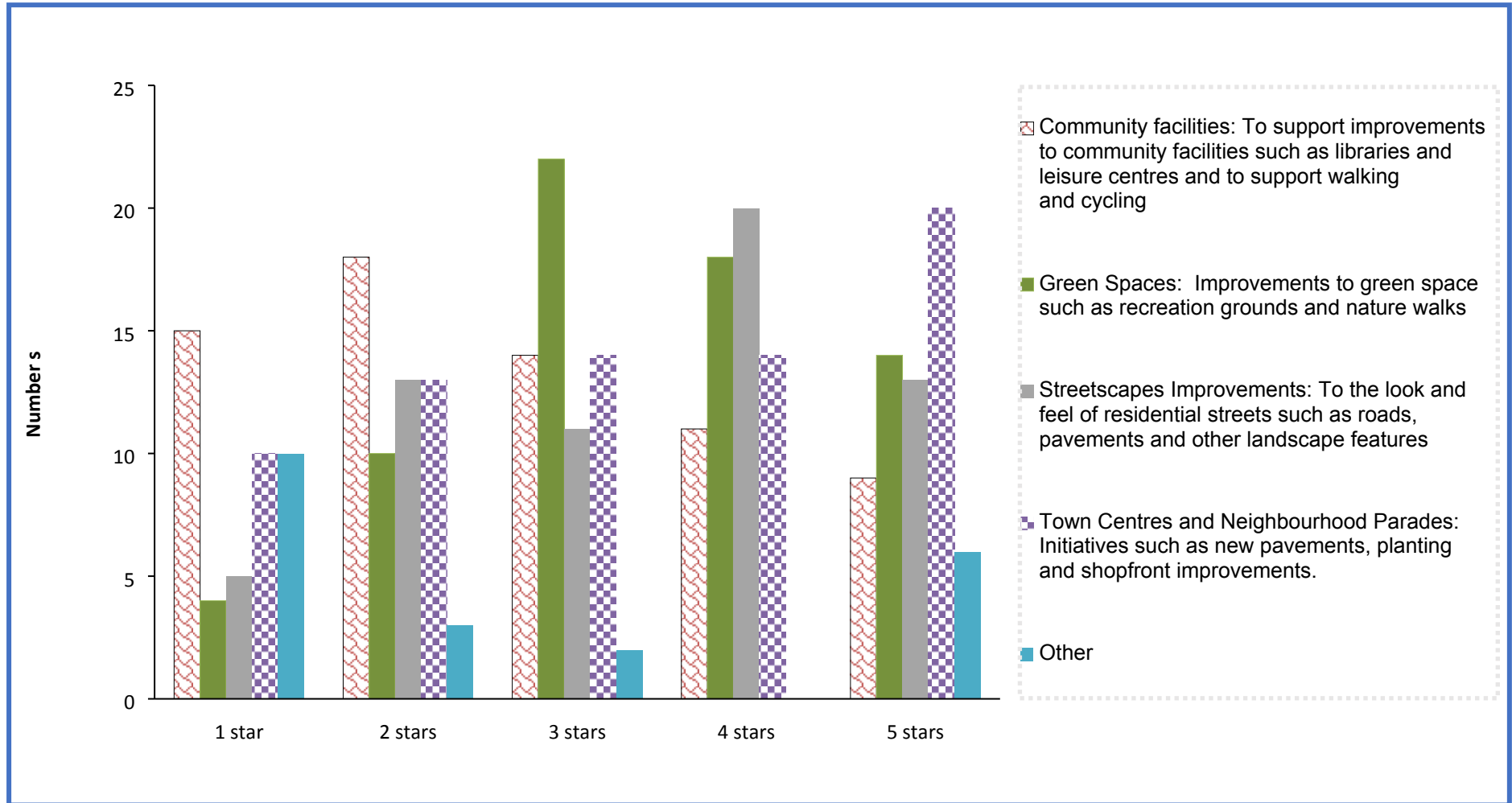
Part two:
Consultation response and analysis by each CIL zone

Figure 6: ²Merton's CIL zones - new map is being produced with the names of the Zones



² The CIL Zone areas are used for the sole purpose of CIL.

Figure 7: ³Zone A: Colliers Wood and North Mitcham (5 being a top priority and 1 being a low priority).



³ Includes both online survey and other submission methods

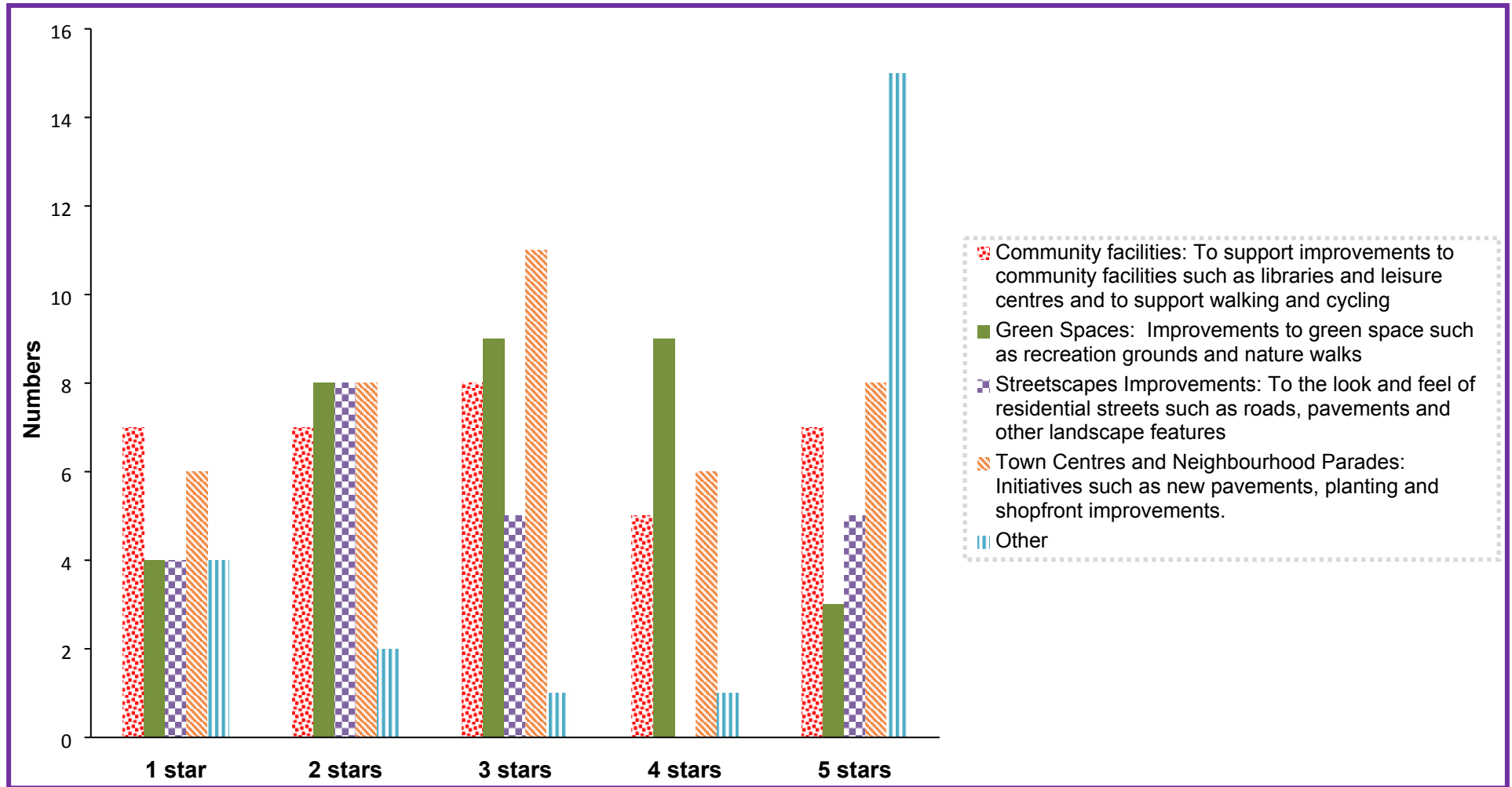
Figure 8: ⁴'Other' response to question 1 for Colliers Wood and North Mitcham (CIL zone A) (5 being a top priority and 1 being a low priority)

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One star	Two stars	Three stars	Four stars	Five stars
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvement in street cleaning organisation, such as removal of the green bags on the day that they are filled. They are left over the weekend in my area and get ripped apart. • Attracting new small businesses and start ups rather than chains to move into the area. • Any initiative that will improve the litter situation: increased council litter picking of streets and parks, better campaigns to prevent litter, etc. • Cpz Yellow lines Street cleaning • Social clubs for elderly and people with alzheimers • "Fix" Merton Abbey Mills - what should be a major attraction in our area (along with the heritage projects), seems to a deserted ghost town occasionally full of "crafts" that look like they belong in a school fete not a retail market. So sad! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved facilities for disposal of dog mess, including cctv to help catch and identify offenders • More money to community events to give a sense of belonging to the community • Road improvement 	<p>Safety measures in public areas, e.g. better lighting, cctv etc We need more play area for the children.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I think it is appalling that previous money has all been spent on traditionally richer areas such as Wimbledon and Raynes park. Colliers Wood and Mitcham are very much in need of similar improvements. • Better shops/bars/restaurants on Colliers high st • Youth clubs for young people • Street Lighting • What we have in Merton wouldn't be too bad - if it were kept clean, tidy and safe! Funds should be spent on increased local policing, street cleaning, refuse collection, enforcement of ASBOs etc

⁴ Includes both online survey and other submission methods

Figure 9: ⁵Zone B: Mitcham area *Ranked priorities from 1 - 5 (* 5 being a top priority and 1 being a low priority).



⁵ Includes both online survey and other submission methods

Figure 10: ⁶‘Other’ response to question 1 and the priority rank (Mitcham – CIL zone B (5 being a top priority and 1 being a low priority))

** Responses have been extracted from submitted response and no changes have been made to the text.*

One star	Two stars	Three stars	Four stars	Five stars	No priority rank given
<p data-bbox="91 730 136 895" style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Page 35</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="136 312 434 683">• Enforcing fowling fines and control, and improving street cleaning/sweeping <li data-bbox="136 687 434 852">• Improving street lighting in residential areas as this is not adequate - at least in my area <li data-bbox="136 857 434 852">• Support for community organisations that work on behalf of local people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="510 312 781 919">• The biggest priority for my area is replacing the uneven paving slabs and stones outside of residential properties, particularly in our area, are they cause problems for disabled people trying to safely get around outside their own doorsteps. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="855 312 1099 951">• Litter and refuse collection around Mitcham. This single issue has untold negative effects on both people and place. Cleaning up the borough would help the look and feel of the place, and help residents' local pride. 	<p data-bbox="1122 312 1279 376">Tackling fly tipping</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="1373 312 1720 376">• Access to the environment <li data-bbox="1373 381 1720 716">• Allocating appropriate space(s) for new secondary school(s) e.g. secure land near Abbey Recreation Grounds instead of High Path which is too small with no available playing fields or parking. <li data-bbox="1373 721 1720 785">• Community facilities in Longthornton <li data-bbox="1373 790 1720 1232">• Encourage business in the town centre. There is little going for it in terms of bars, coffee shops, restaurants (except bamboo and Gino's) <li data-bbox="1373 1236 1720 1300">• I would like to see a proper path across Mitcham Common connecting Galpins Road to Croydon Road A236. <li data-bbox="1373 1305 1720 1305">• Improved litter and recycling facilities - 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="1798 312 2101 679">• I could not fill out all the tabs as they blanked themselves, when I went on to the next one. I would like Sreetscapes improved too but the application did not allow me to say so. <li data-bbox="1798 684 2101 1259">• I've ranked the different priorities but in my view they are all so closely linked it is difficult to separate them. To get people out walking and cycling you need to make them want to do it and to do that you need the environment to be clean and safe and pleasant, for example! <li data-bbox="1798 1264 2101 1327">• To improve collection of litter

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				<p>especially in zone b mitcham. The new town centre and shop fronts are a step in the right direction but the streets are still full of litter. It ruins mitcham.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Linked to the green spaces priority, a campaign for cleaner parks (and streets). In particular the Figges Marsh area is littered with alcoholic bottles, cans and other refuse including food waste which attracts foxes and rats. It would also be beneficial to have a section for Figges Marsh which is dog free, where children can enjoy the park without worry of walking in dog fouling. This area could also comprise of a manicured garden, for all to enjoy.• Mitcham Cricket Green Community & Heritage does not find the crude categories used in the consultation on the “neighbourhood fund”	<p>and fly tipping. More waste bins. Make shopkeepers, particularly fast food outlets, responsible for clearing litter outside their own premises.</p>
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helpful in describing the best use of the fund. The categories are generic, overlap and are poorly defined. They can be used to justify almost any funding proposals. Instead, we have prepared a separate submission which identifies a number of key priorities for investment for Cricket Green Conservation Area and its environs. This has been submitted separately

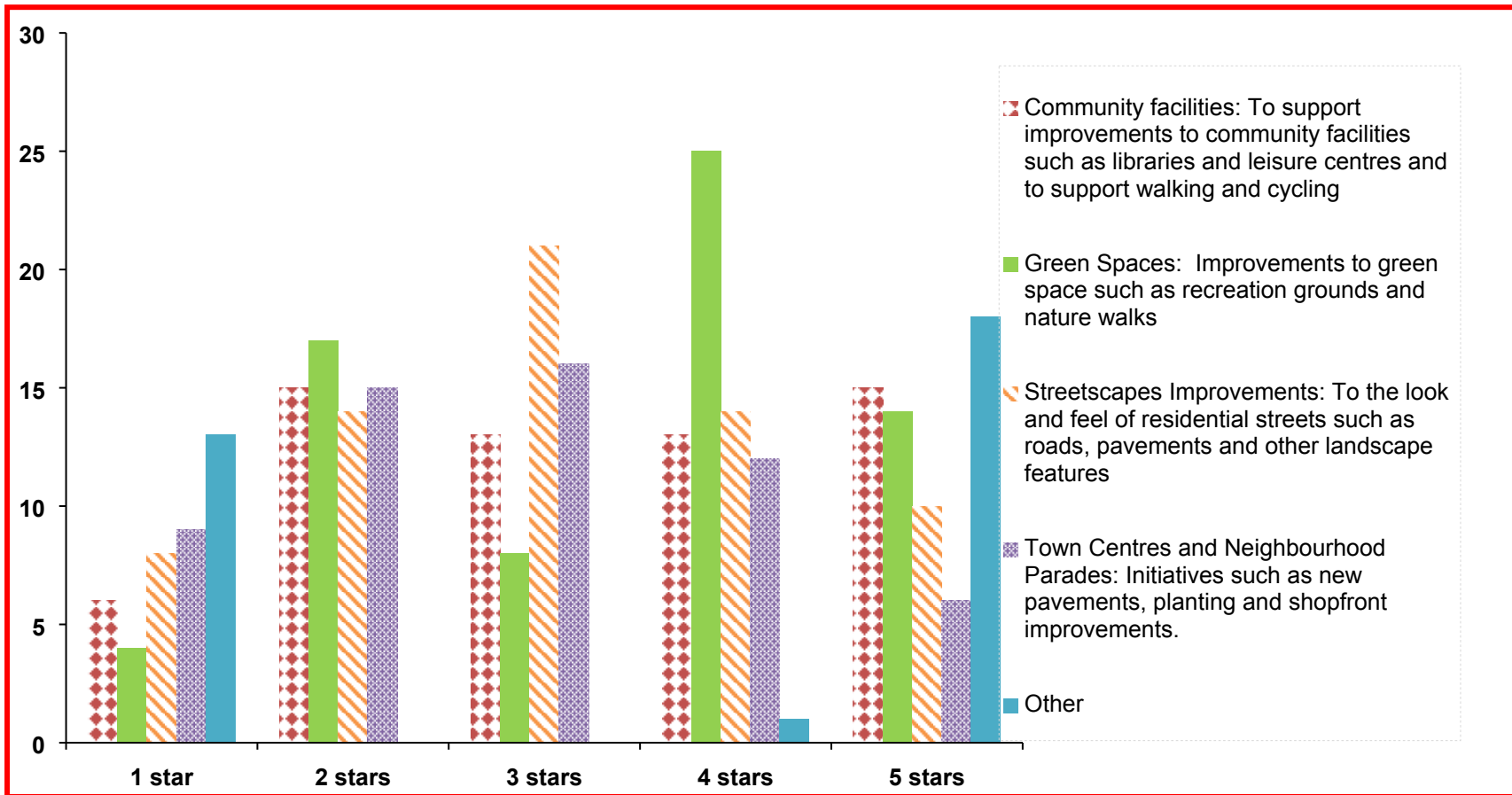
- More money to improve the streets and roads in the borough with street cleaning, litter bin emptying and road surface improvements.
- More rubbish bins , street sweeping, found maintenance. No use having bins if they are not emptied. No use putting in fancy furniture if it is not repaired and maintained.this survey makes no sense

whatsoever.

- More support for vulnerable and lonely people, eg re-opening the community centre in Grove Road to older people as well as children.
- Reducing the health gap across the borough by working on air quality and childhood obesity.
- restoration of historically important features
- retention of the Village ethos and stopping heavy traffic destroying unique historical building that can never be reproduced once destroyed. My cottage actually shakes when buses and lorries use Lower Green West. I feel traffic should go straight ahead instead of detouring around the green on Lower Green West . Its a beautiful areas being destroyed by traffic and it is not built to take it.
- Safer roads by positive

				<p>ways of reducing speeding and more bus lanes if possible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spend it on adult social care so you don't have to put up my already extortionate council tax• Foxes Path doesn't feel safe in the evenings and is filthy with dog litter.	
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Figure 11: **Zone C:** Morden and Merton Park areas (5 being a top priority and 1 being a low priority).



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Figure 12: ⁸Other' response to question 1 (Morden and Merton Park CIL Zone C) (5 being a top priority and 1 being a low priority)

Responses have been extracted from submitted response and no changes have been made to the text.

One star	Four stars	Five stars
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The quality of roads/pavements need to be addressed as a priority first. It would be wonderful to have an automated splash pad water facility for families in Motspur Park to replace the existing facilities which has been threatened with closure. Make Morden town centre more pedestrian friendly. Reduce "rat run" during rush hours along residential streets, esp Poplar, Sandbourne & Kenley (or even create a pedestrian crossing on Kenley for kids walking to school - it's really congested and dangerous in the mornings) Thanks A skate park in wimbledon would be fantastic! Improvements to community care for the elderley including social activities and help at home More trees on the streets. Enhance plans for the scooter park by Poplar Primary school by allowing more park equipment as well as a 	<p>Making shopping areas, transport, leisure facilities and open spaces accessible to disabled and learning disabled people e.g. installing changing facilities with hoists which will allow personal care to be carried out.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School crossing on Dorset Road near Park Community School which is currently dangerous. All other local schools have road signs warning motorists there is school, or road markings, a crossing, zig zag lines, fencing/ barriers near the entrance. There is nothing. It is an accident waiting to happen. Rather than close the invaluable and popular Joseph Hood lido, help fund a splash pad which will make fun and enjoyment accessible, inclusive and safe. I would like to see more benches installed for older (and other) people to rest. Many older people are weary of going out to shops etc because the distance is just too far - with a few breaks, facilitated by benches, their confidence to go out can be improved. This can help to improve their wellbeing, and reduce isolation. Initially such benches could be installed between sheltered housing schemes and tram/bus stops or shops. Alternatively or additionally , Merton could start a sponsorship scheme to share the cost of purchase and maintenance. I would also suggest that pavements need to be well maintained to reduce the risk of falling, especially for older people going out - with similar benefits as benches. Support for disabled and older people to access the community Elderly care Benches in Morden Park. Metal ones like the only 2 that are over there at the moment. I am over there twice a day and often would just love to sit and admire the view whilst walking my dog but have to sit on the grass. Benches would be wonderful to encourage people to sit and enjoy this beautiful ark. Also the little wildflower plots you did last year were so beautiful and enchanting. Could we have a few more of these too? Perhaps a few more trees planted as well. The bandstand needs attention too. Graffiti does not look good and encourages bad behaviour. Isn't it about time that it could be put to good use and perhaps have some concerts in the park?

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number of scooters for hire. I think this suggestion might benefit much of the community and will likely attract sponsorship and possibly families from other boroughs.

- Continue to fund community support initiatives

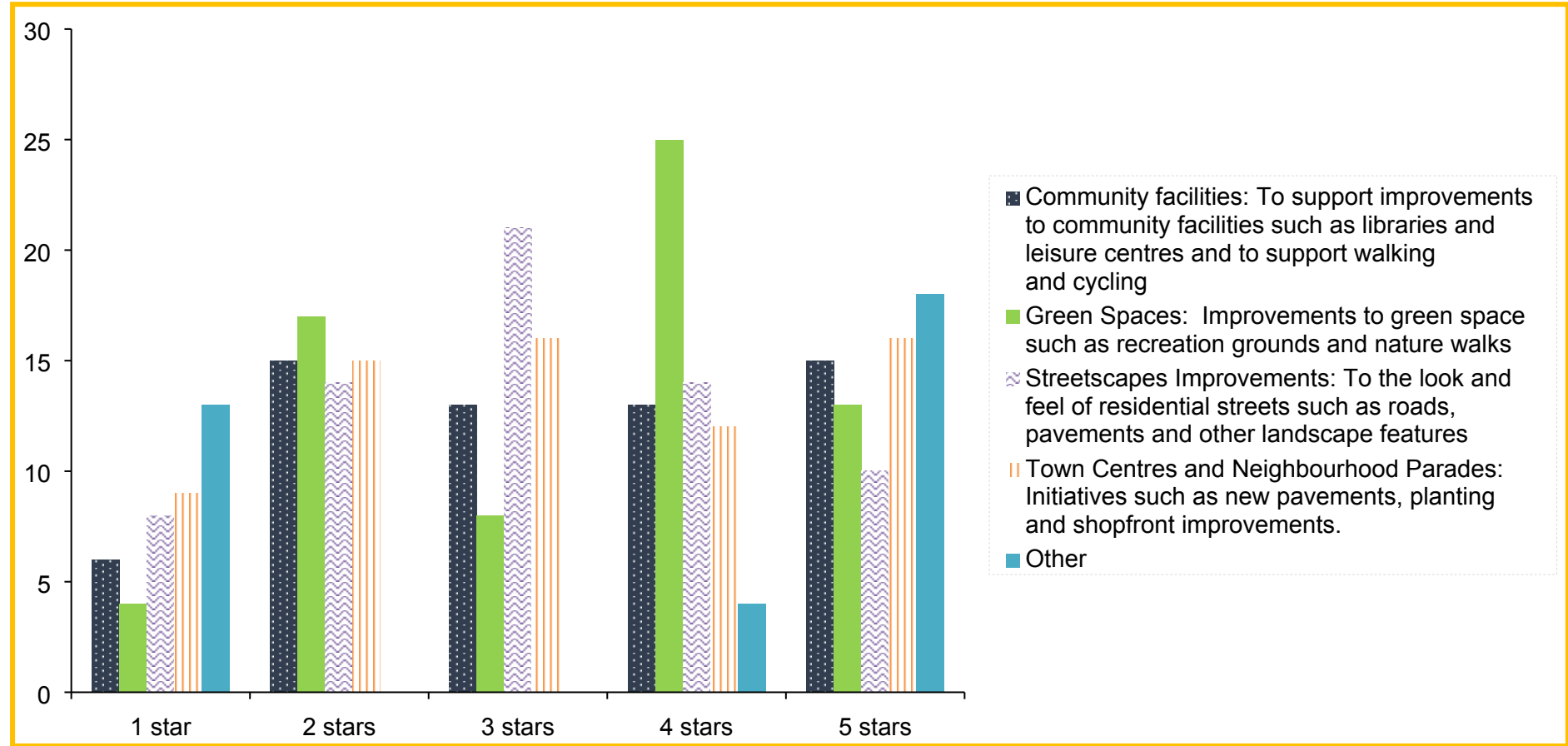
- The Wandle Valley Regional Park Trust are currently developing its strategy and delivery priorities for the development and delivery of the Wandle Valley Regional Park. We are engaged in a number of improvement projects in all four boroughs of the Wandle Valley and are operating on a landscape scale. We see the availability of CIL funding to further the opportunity of developing a larger pot of funding to support the delivery of Green Infrastructure improvements and enhancements in parks, BIDS areas, streetscapes, shopping areas and residential areas. We see the opportunity to develop a CIL Green Fund and for the Trust to manage this fund, from a proportion of the total available CIL pot that we will attract additional funding from sponsors, developers, RSL's businesses and funders and matched by the same stakeholders in the other Wandle Valley boroughs. This funding will not be used for Trust Core funding. This will be used for infrastructure investment and to support and for community groups to apply for. We have already had an example of this working with funding from Wandle Housing Association to develop improvements to the Wandle Trail in all four boroughs. This funding has been matched by other funders. We see this as a means to invest in green infrastructure that will attract good value for money and assist the local community in delivery.
- Keeping the Town Centre around the Tube Station clean throughout the day - have received many complaints
- Much more disabled friendly and accessible playground located on central road, easy waking access between Perseid special needs schools, upper and lower school and Brightwell respite centre. To access a local accessible playground (ravensbury park) can take between 45mins to an hour to walk to with our young people. Causing for much more of a stressful experience rather than an enjoyable one for the children.
- Cleanliness of the streets and public paths - community engagement around recycling
- Please clean up and modernise Morden. Morden hall park has been upgraded and is lovely but you then walk out into Morden, what a shame. People would stay in Morden if it was not such an eyesore

and a mess.

- Street Lighting on road corners
- Filling in pot-holes and general surface maintenance in residential streets and pavements Better Autumn leaf collection - plenty still in Sheridan Road in January
- Traffic management and No more One Way System around the Civic Center.
- The roads are too busy, the cars go racing in Morden and down the A24 like crazy. We need traffic rerouted and remove the gyratory system, make the roads quieter and pedestrianise Morden Town center down to the morden court parade shops and behind the civic center. Create a beautiful park at the back of the Civic Center for staff and reroute Crown Road to be private access only for residents
- Funding for Poplar Primary school's scooter park in Mostyn Gardens. The local community will have much more access to it than the school, but the school is not receiving any funding from LBM! So some money from this fund would be well spent and benefit Merton children who will be able to use this unique facility before 10.30am and after 2.30pm, at weekends and all during the school holidays. Not only will this facility be fun to use, but it will also be used to teach road safety to Merton's children in a safe environment.
- Removing road humps road platforms and traffic calming measures that cause pollution. In recent testing by the AA it was shown that over a measured distance of road humps, an average car uses 47% more fuel and therefore causes much more pollution than a car doing a steady 30 mph over the same distance. Also the same car doing 20mph over the same distance used almost 15% more fuel than the car doing 30mph. 1000s of children and older people are dying every day because of breathing difficulties caused by pollution. We are making the situation worse by placing the most road humps outside schools. This is to save comparatively fewer children from being involved in a vehicle accident than die from breathing difficulties? They could be saved from a vehicle accident by education of the children and drivers, remember the green cross code when did you last see a government information film on road safety? But we

		<p>continue to place road humps outside schools causing the most pollution for our children. Now you have the money so there is no excuse. Why not set up a pollution monitor where there are road humps for a set time and monitor the air at head height, and then remove the road humps and see the difference to the air pollution. It could be a ground breaking experiment. Pollution could be improved all over the country by the "Merton pollution experiment" Just a thought? On the other hand I could be proved to be an idiot and it makes no difference to pollution, but at least we would know that road humps are effective, or just kill people slowly by poisoning the air.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• These questions seam very vague, and they dont really give a clear idea of what I really believe this money should be best spent on.• Id love to see a cycle and scooter path on Hillcross avenue on the pavement (not the road) for the kids going up and down to school. Also an indoor playspace with a cafe in Morden.
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Figure 13: **Zone D:** Raynes Park area (5 being a top priority and 1 being a low priority).



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Figure 14: ¹⁰Other' response to question 1 and the priority rank (Raynes Park - CIL Zone D) (5 being a top priority and 1 being a low priority).

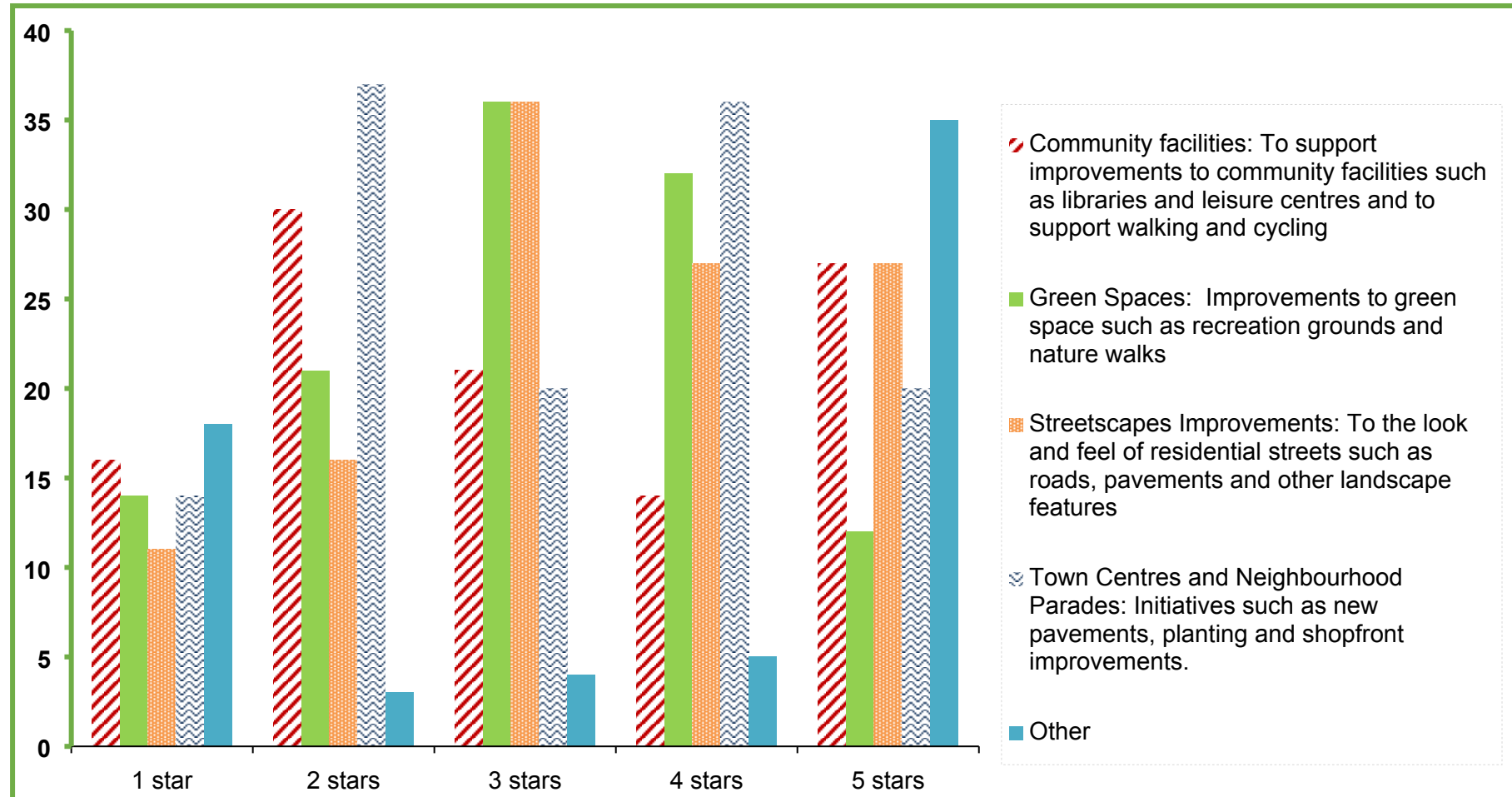
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One star	Two stars	Three stars	Four stars	Five stars
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing that low waged people can afford • sir Joseph hood park motspur park as its a well used by local and people from outside the area all year round. The paddling pool is in need of modernisation as it's always packed over the summer months you can't even get in to the play area. And it would be good to have area to encourage people to keep bee and maybe a insect hotel to encourage children to look after the environment. • Splash pad at sit Joseph hood memorial Playing field • Splash pad in sir Joseph hood memorial playing field • Street cleaning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Splash park in Joseph Hood park in Motspur Park 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No More wheelie bins If streescapes matter - why flood them with large wheelie bins? • Splash pad at Joesph Hood Recreation Ground • Splash Pad for Sir Joseph Hood Memorial Playing field, to replace the paddling pool that is bring closed • splash pad motspur park • Traffic calming measures on residential roads in Raynes Park 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No More wheelie bins If streescapes matter - why flood them with large wheelie bins? • Splash pad at Joesph Hood Recreation Ground • Splash Pad for Sir Joseph Hood Memorial Playing field, to replace the paddling pool that is bring closed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I'd like money (as much as possible) from the CIL fund to be used for the Spash Pad in Sir Joseph hood Memorial Playing Fields. This should be in addition to the 10% match funding that Merton Council has already pledged (<i>This issue received 19 responses of 5 stars in the "other" catorgery</i>) • Traffic calming measures on residential roads in Raynes Park • Funding/part funding to have tree that have taken over the old serviceman ally's taken down. The have reach incredible heights and affect our home insurance. Block our light and the list goes on. The council say they have given the service ally's back to the owners but never seen this on an official documented this is in fact true. But either way the trees are getting out of hand and unless the adjoining neighbour shares the

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				<p>expense (which many won't as they feel it's the councils responsibility) then the trees continue to get taller and if we have strong winds they will fall on our homes! This would be a very grateful way to spend the money please</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improving look of Raynes Park town centre, more shops/restaurants - also introduction of a convenience store/coffee shop along Grand Drive as large residential community• Introduce a 20 mph speed limit in Lower Morden Lane, adjacent to Hatfield Primary School, before a child is killed by a speeding car or motorcycle.• Well implemented public space prioritising walking and cycling will improve the public health and reduce wear on roads and wasted lifetimes of local taxpayers, and reflect Merton Council's published priorities.• Would love to see better use of greenspace perhaps some water?) at Motspur Park.
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Figure 15: ¹¹Zone E: South Wimbledon, Wimbledon and Wimbledon Park areas (5 being a top priority and 1 being a low priority).



¹¹ Includes both online survey and other submission methods

Figure 16: ¹²Other' response to question 1 and the priority rank (South Wimbledon, Wimbledon and Wimbledon Park - CIL Zone E) (5 being a top priority and 1 being a low priority).

Responses have been extracted from submitted responses and no changes have been made to the text.

One star	Two stars	Three stars	Four stars	Five stars
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Plant some trees and shrubs/plants on the council estate in Pitt Crescent, Wimbledon Park. 2. As most other boroughs do, fund one to one cycle training for beginners. How the hell is a beginner living on the other side of the borough supposed to get safely to the the cycle training centre in Morden? Totally impractical. Anti noise abatement and improving air pollution initiatives. Better street cleaning. Improved building conservation and heritage asset support Improvements to pedestrian footpaths, and crossing points, and the addition of raised flower beds, and tree planters to the Neighbourhood Parade immediately adjacent to Haydons Road station. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clearing up of eyesores on private land such as fly tipping eg the dumping of waste under the Durnsford Road bridge Dealing with road traffic and closing off residential streets to commercial vehicles or other 'cut throughs' to main roads Support for local community groups, e.g. FoodBank (not residents' associations!) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have Christmas lights and decorations provided by Merton Council I would like to improve the neighbourhood, help with health awareness: better use of community pharmacy, encourage self care, achieve public health agenda on stop smoking, activity, safer sex, alcohol consumption reduction, exercise, mental health. My pharmacy has been in the area for 110 years and I would like this a centre for health and social integration. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intergenerational community projects Litter collection/public waste bin emptying and street cleaning. There is so much litter around and many residential roads are hardly ever swept. When people see this it also encourages them to drop litter/dump rubbish in public places. It then blows into our gardens too. Replace or clean the litter bins in Wimbledon town centre. Safety, e.g. through lighting and street cleaning Support for market in South Wimbledon, inc 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pavements in particular on parts of Haydons Road are in a really bad state, a pathwork of tar bumpy mess. 2. The football area on Garfield park needs leveling. 3. Need more traffic calming or speed alert on Haydons Road & cams on crossing to catch those who dont stop. 4. Some way of monitoring pollution levels on Haydons Road A joint community and school facility - the proposed scooter park for Poplar Primary and the wider Morden/South Merton community Arthur road - speed restrictions, weight limits and better traffic management

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<p>This is in an effort to reduce the level of intrusion the traffic and subsequent pollution currently has on this Neighbourhood Parade to encourage and promote activity, and improve upon the quality and range of shopping facilities provided.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased sports facilities - particularly for children and at a reduced rate to encourage fitness for all especially the young. • Keep refuse collections weekly and scrap the introduction of ugly wheelie bins • Should be used towards community events and groups. • Splash Pad in the Sir Joseph Hood Recreation Ground at Motspur Park • support for vulnerable residents to remain at home being properly cared for • The litter in the street/streets is becoming intolerable. Mainly after bin collection when things are dropped and general litter. We need more people on the street and in Wimbledon Park collecting litter. 			<p>realm</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better traffic calming, rather than the huge platforms in Ashcombe road, that probably create more pollution and certainly cause more noise. See what they do in Amsterdam. • Children's playground equipment (perhaps SouthPark gardens or Wimbledon common) as no local areas for kids to play • Clean streets and neighbourhoods - remove litter, empty public bins, prompt removal of fly-tipping (with heavy fines for those caught) and untaxed vehicles, apply weed killer to residential road gutters, repair roads and the huge number of damaged speed bumps that cause punctures and tyre damage. • Clean up the town. Fly tipping areas, overgrown communal areas. More bins in
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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To community groups and schools to improve their own environment• Traffic issues around Haydons Rd/Plough Lane continue to worsen and need a solution before the stadium development brings everything to a standstill				<p>parks- more collections. Rubbish is overflowing in the back of every restaurant. There are rats mice and foxes everywhere.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Collect autumn leaves much earlier in the season before they become mulch. This might be part of streetscapes.• Convert a building in the Village into a car and bicycle park so shoppers are encouraged to shop locally.• Enforcing breaches of speeding and lorry rat running in residential roads. Ridgway Place a much abused cut through road by HGV's because they know offences will not be dealt with• Families and Children: Create dedicated green spaces for toddlers and keep them absolutely from dog fouling
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				<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Heritage repair grants for householders in conservation areas and other heritage assets, being c.£50k maximum annually rolled over, including admin by conservation officers• I carry my baby's buggy over the rail bridge which runs parallel to Worple road, joined by Merton Hall road on the other side of the bridge. I have had struggles each and every day lifting the buggy over the rail bridge and similarly in the last with my other two children when they were in buggies. I wish that some sloping walkway accessible bridge could be constructed in order to help the very many people who also carry buggies, bikes and wheelchairs over the bridge.• Improve air quality by
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				<p>reducing traffic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improve the footpath etc on Wimbledon Hill between the station and the village• Improving the air quality in central Wimbledon. Pedestrianise please, discourage short journeys and the school run. Encourage walking, cycling and public transport.• It should be my first priority, the road where I live, Nursery rd, near South Wimbledon is in very poor condition; the pavement, the road makes me feel I live in a poor neighbourhood. I feel embarrassed when people visits me. Also parking is a nightmare.• Merton Road from St Winefred Church to Merton High Street in South Wimbledon end are treated like amputated limbs.
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				<p>They need Christmas lights, sprucing up shop frontages to support the raft of independent businesses, historic banners (Nelson/william Morris) and flower baskets to ensure the arm and hand are connected to the shoulder - the rest of Wimbledon Broadway. It needs to be connected, not treated like an insignificant stretch or poor relation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• More help for vulnerable people ie elderly, disabled, special needs; etc. Although the above (in Section 1) are important, many (such as libraries/walking/green spaces/etc) can be done with the help of volunteers...specialist help for vulnerable people is not so easy to source this way.• More parking bays in
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				<p>the Village which have already been identified. The most important issue to keep the Village alive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• More street cleaning• My other priority is to stop ugly wheelie bins from ruining our streets and houses. Surely we don't need to waste resources on the clutter and expense of a whole new waste management system. Wheelie bins create ugly, cluttered streets and will encourage more dumping of large items on our pavements.• New concert hall in Wimbledon top priority 5• Please clean up pavements- jet wash Leopold Road parade- it's filthy!• Public transport. Haydens road station is a ghost town. Everyone waks 20mins for alternative travel
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				<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Put physical training / exercise facilities such as bikes, monkey bars etc for both youngsters/adults and children in all parks or open spaces.• Reduce the noise of children playing outside at St Mary's School, Russell Road, Previously the Social Service building blocked out the shrill, but now that building is no longer and there are many more children. The noise of children is very loud and spoils my peace of mind. You go along and listen too. Could a noise breaker be put in place?• regular, efficient, thorough street cleaning in residential neighbourhoods• Stop holding damaging events in Wimbledon Park. Allowing heavy vehicles onto the grass causes
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				<p>compaction that results in a rutted mud heap. The park is being degraded. If you want to see how things can be, walk through King Georges Park.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tidying the streets after bin collection!• We want the CIL funds from Wimbledon building projects to be spent on regenerating the footpaths, roads and parking provision in Wimbledon Village. We require about £300,000 to do so, and trust Merton Council will allocate the funds in the area they were generated, allowing this work to be undertaken in the next two years.• wider introduction of LED street lightng• youth facilities
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Figure 17: ¹³Other' response to question 1 and the priority rank (CIL Zone E) (5 being a top priority and 1 being a low priority).

Responses have been extracted from submitted responses and no changes have been made to the text.

No priority rank given

- 20 mph speed limit and no road humps etc
- Disabled and elderly
- I would like see some land scraping at the truly awful Hayden's rd shops which is the most plighted shops in the area. Look what a bit of land scaping did to improve Leopold rd shops !
- keeping the parks tidy and free from rubbish
- more public toilets and rubbish bins in the sreetes
- Proper bins and reliable collections. The boxes are ridiculous.
- To improve The Parade of shops and streetscape around the junction of Haydons road / Plough Lane / Gap Road
- Tree officers need to understand that trees are sustainable and therefore need to be reduced if passed their sell by date

¹³ Includes both online survey and other submission methods

Appendices

Appendix A: consultation material used

Postcards and posters displayed in:

- In Merton's reference libraries
- Civic Centre
- Merton Link reception

