

Update for the Borough Plan Advisory Committee on progress relating to Merton's Local Plan – June 2020

The table below is a summary of Local Plan of progress following the stage 2 consultation held during October 2018 to 28 January 2019.

The draft [Local Plan](#) (stage 2) comprises strategic and development management policies:

Strategic policies set out an overall strategy for the pattern, scale and quality of development, and make sufficient provision for example housing (including affordable housing), employment, retail and other commercial, infrastructure, waste management, water infrastructure flood risk management, community facilities (such as health, education), green infrastructure and planning measures to address climate change mitigation and adaptation.

Non – strategic polices are detailed policies for specific areas, neighbourhoods or types of development covering a range of topics for example housing, climate change and design (table below provides a full list of topic areas covered in our draft Local Plan).

Evidence developed since consultation to inform the draft Local Plan includes:

Completed in 2019 (available online via <https://www.merton.gov.uk/planning-and-buildings/planning/local-plan-research>)

- Merton's Strategic Housing Market Assessment 2019
- Merton's Strategic Flood Risk Assessment 2019
- Merton Playing Pitch Study 2019
- Merton's Transport Strategy and Local Implementation Plan 2019

Underway – to be completed 2020/21

- Merton Open Space Study
- Borough Character Study (including assessment of mid rise and tall buildings)
- Local Plan viability (including affordable housing)
- Small sites research
- Infrastructure Needs Assessment

To be started – economic assessment

Government is expected to publish a new White Paper on planning matters during 2020

The long term impacts of Covid19 on the planning system in general and issues in Merton is currently unknown but is likely to be part of all future assessments

Policy Title	Summary of policy requirements	Summary of progress since Stage 2 consultation
Strategic Policy H4.1 Housing Choice	<p>Requires proposals to: Create well designed social mixed inclusive and sustainable neighbourhoods. Provide a mix of housing types, tenures and sizes. Incorporate the re-provision of at least one family sized unit where the loss of a family sized unit is proposed. Provide affordable housing requirement.</p>	<p>On-going exploration into further revising the affordable housing policy requirements to ensure opportunities to viably increase provision are optimised.</p> <p>Recently commissioned Local Plan Housing Viability Study will be essential to informing on ensuring that all requirements are viable and providing a robust evidence base to support and justify policy requirements. The Viability Study commenced on 19th May 2020 and the Final Report is scheduled to be received in early September 2020.</p>
Strategic Policy H4.2 Housing Provision	<p>Sets out Merton's strategic housing target. Protects against the net loss of the borough's housing stock. Supports housing provision on small sites (1-25 homes). Provision of custom, self- build and community-led housing that optimise land use.</p>	<p>Identifying a realistic strategic housing target that can both be delivered by Merton's emerging Local Plan and be considered by the Mayor to be in conformity with the emerging London Plan represents a substantial challenge for Merton.</p> <p>However, it is one which is similarly faced by all other outer London boroughs given the emerging London Plan's requirement for these boroughs to deliver a comparatively greater proportion of the London housing target than the inner London boroughs.</p> <p>The draft Local Plan stage 2 consultation version of Policy H4.2 set out a strategic housing target based upon rolling forward the currently adopted London Plan (2016) target for Merton, to cover the emerging new Local Plan period. Whilst the stage 2 Local plan strategic target is considered more realistic and deliverable, the GLA in response have formally objected and consider that it is not in conformity with the emerging London Plan. Officer will need to reflect on this in determining what</p>

		<p>further policy revisions need to be made to Policy H4.2</p> <p>A body of robust evidence will be required to identify, inform and support further revisions / updates to the strategic housing target reflected in Policy H4.2. This evidence includes: The Borough Characterisation study; Housing Delivery study; Housing Viability Study; Merton's Small Sites Study; Tall Buildings Study; Employment Land Study; Retail Capacity Study. A number of these studies are either currently underway or proposed for commission.</p>
Policy 4.3 Housing Mix	Sets out the council's preferred borough wide and affordable rented housing bed size housing mix.	Policy H4.3 policy requirements reflect the findings and recommendations of Merton's Strategic Housing Market Assessment Study. An objection was received from the GLA at stage 2 consultation, that Policy 4.3 was considered too prescriptive in stipulating a borough-wide mix. However, since then, objections raised by Merton and a number of other boroughs to the Draft London Plan were upheld by the EIP London Plan Inspector, who supported boroughs being more appropriately placed to prescribe bed size housing mix in local plans supported by local evidence.
Policy H4.4 Supported care housing for vulnerable people or secure residential institutions for people housed as part of the criminal justice system	Sets out the criteria that proposals will be assessed against. It also protects against the loss of supported care housing except under specific exceptions detailed in the policy, and requires that where this is the case the re-provision of an equivalent amount of residential floorspace is to be provided to meet Merton's need for permanent homes.	Officers to consider minor revisions to improve clarity of policy justification in response to stage 2 consultation feedback.
Policy H4.5 Student housing, other housing with shared facilities and bedsits	Sets out the specific circumstances in which this type of housing will be supported by the council. Similarly Policy 4.5 protects against the loss of this specialist housing except under specific exceptions detailed in	Officers to consider minor revisions to improve clarity of policy justification in response to stage 2 consultation feedback.

	the policy, and requires that where this is the case the re-provision of an equivalent amount of residential floorspace is to be provided to meet Merton's need for permanent homes.	
Policy H4.6 Accommodation of Gypsies and Travellers	Requires the retention of legally established Gypsies and Accommodation sites except where the same number of pitches can be provided on an alternative site. The Policy sets out criteria against which proposals for additional, alternative or new Gypsies and Travellers sites will be assessed.	At present there is one legally established council owned site in the borough located on Brickfield Road, Wimbledon. Merton's Accommodation Needs Assessment of Gypsies and Travellers (2013) indicated that for the period 2014-2019 re-letting of vacant pitches would address needs. To robustly inform and support Policy H4.6 revisions, updates and / or amendments to the policy H4.6, preparation work on a new study is underway and on-going.
Strategic Policy HW2.1 Health and wellbeing	Sets out Merton's strategic health and wellbeing priorities linking to several health plan/strategies produced by Public Health Merton for example the Health and Wellbeing Strategy.	Following the consultation, the policy has been reviewed and appropriate minor changes have been made. The changes made provide clarity and guidance to developers on adopting dementia design approaches in proposals.
Policy HW2.2 Delivering healthy places	<p>The policy aims to reduce health inequalities across Merton, encourage opportunities for food growing for example allotments and community gardens as part of development proposals</p> <p>The policy sets out the criteria for Health Impact Assessments (HIA) and sets out when developers are required submit an HIA with planning applications.</p>	<p>Minor changes made following comments from TfL – use of terminology Active travel to be refer to as walking and cycling.</p> <p>Further review of the policy in the context of Climate Change Action Plan and Climate Change Emergency declaration.</p> <p>Consistency with other policies in the plan</p>

	The policy promotes Transport for London, Healthy Streets	
Policy N3.1 Colliers Wood/ Surrounding area of Colliers Wood	<p>Policy aims to create a thriving and attractive District Centre at Colliers Wood.</p> <p>For the town centre and surrounding neighbourhoods development which helps to optimise housing potential and quality, traffic flow, the public realm, mitigate flooding and improvements to the Wandle Trail</p>	<p>Public consultation responses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Linked to proposed South Wimbledon local centre and boundary amendments; amendments to the proposed South Wimbledon local centre boundary will be considered alongside Colliers Wood. - Consultation queries on the future of large format retail. Policy will be informed by the council's future economic assessment. - Queries raised on local social infrastructure keeping pace with new homes. Infrastructure needs assessment is currently demonstrating that infrastructure is keeping pace with new homes in Colliers Wood so no significant changes proposed
Policy N3.2 Mitcham Town Centre/ Surrounding area of Mitcham Town Centre	<p>Policy aims to improve the overall environment of Mitcham town centre surrounding neighbourhoods by providing quality shopfronts, new homes, good transport links, supporting and promoting local business and promoting walking and cycling.</p>	<p>Separate but related project with local councillors to explore increase in footfall and investment in Mitcham town centre.</p> <p>Owners are progressing several site allocations through planning applications.</p> <p>Council investing in shopfronts (Bramcote Parade) and meanwhile uses on Sibthorp Road car park</p> <p>Council due to carry out an economic assessment, including future demand for retail, office and other business space. This will help shape the final policies for town centres.</p>
Policy N3.3 Morden/ Morden Regeneration Zone/ The Wider Morden Town Centre Area	<p>Policy aims to deliver the comprehensive regeneration within the Morden Regeneration Zone, incremental changes to the Wider Morden Town Centre Area through a plan-led approach and to conserve</p>	<p>Consultation with local school children on their views on what they would like to see for the future of Morden Town Centre.</p> <p>Further due diligence on land assembly, delivery options and soft market testing.</p>

	<p>and enhance the character of the surrounding suburban neighbourhood.</p> <p>The regeneration seeks to transform the look and feel of Morden through the relocation of the bus stands away from their current location, creating healthier streets and a welcoming public space outside the Morden underground station entrance, an appropriate mix of retail, office, community and leisure uses and circa 2000 new homes within the town centre.</p>	<p>Studies on delivery options for 'Healthy Streets' transport interventions, blue and green infrastructure, and building energy performance measures have been carried out. A study on the feasibility of the delivery of a district heat network is currently underway.</p> <p>Ongoing funding discussions with the Greater London Authority.</p>
Policy N3.4 Raynes Park Local Centre/ Surrounding area of Raynes Park Local Centre	<p>Policy aims to support development in Raynes Park Local Centre that provides for the needs of the local community, including business uses. For surrounding neighbourhoods increase the footfall and improve pedestrian and cycle links between Raynes Park town centre and Shannon Corner and between the shops and services around Shannon Corner.</p> <p>Optimise land use by providing new homes above retail outlets and other business premises, for example at Wimbledon Chase and Shannon Corner.</p>	<p>Consideration of site allocations in the areas surrounding Raynes Park</p> <p>Local community groups helping with research on ensuring a balanced local housing mix while considering the demands for new homes. Landowners are progressing some site allocations via planning applications including part of Site RP.3 (Tesco's), site RP.6 (LESSA, Grand Drive</p>
Policy N3.6 Wimbledon Town	Policy aims to ensure that Wimbledon continues to be a	Wimbledon no longer being recommended as a metropolitan centre, retaining Major centre status.

<p>Centre/ Surrounding neighbourhoods of Wimbledon</p>	<p>thriving destination for businesses, residents and visitors.</p> <p>Wimbledon Village the policy protects the unique character, built form and character of Wimbledon Village, supporting development that is commensurate with the scale and the quality.</p> <p>Surrounding neighbourhoods: Policy supports environmental improvements and maintaining the day-to-day shopping and supporting improvements to business premises and the public realm for example bolstering Haydon's Road local high street offer.</p>	<p>Future Wimbledon Supplementary Planning Document has been consulted on twice and will be recommended for adoption in summer 2020. It provides guidance to help deliver policy N3.6 in Wimbledon town centre.</p> <p>Council due to carry out an economic assessment, including future demand for retail, office and other business space. This will help shape the final policies.</p>
<p>Policy N3.5 South Wimbledon</p>	<p>Proposing a new Local Centre at the heart of the South Wimbledon, focussed around the underground station and junction.</p> <p>Policy aims to encourage developments that help improve or strengthen the character of the main roads. Reduce road congestion and improve the public realm, particularly for pedestrians and cyclists.</p>	<p>Boundary for new South Wimbledon Local Centre being amended following consultation responses -extending to the north.</p> <p>Cycle and walking connections linked in with High Path regeneration and Harris Wimbledon school. Both developments increasing bus capacity to the area.</p>
<p>Policy N3.7 Wandle Valley</p>	<p>Sets out the policies which focus on protecting the Wandle Valley, recognising its natural and historic significance and improving</p>	<p>Following a review of the Stage 2 consultation responses and a review of the draft London Plan (Intend to Publish version), the policy is being reviewed and updated to reflect up to date information on the Wandle Valley.</p>

	pedestrian and cycling connections to allow more people to enjoy the area.	
Strategic Policy LP D5.1 Placemaking and design/	Strategic policy on all aspects of urban design	Representations received on the application of urban design policies. Stronger links required with sustainable design and flood risk management Amendments will also be informed by research on borough character Amendments being cross checked with policies on specific town centres
Policy D5.2 Urban design and the public realm	As per title	As D5.1
Policy D5.3 Design considerations in all developments	Policy covering all design considerations	Extensive and detailed comments received, mainly around how policies are applied, particular design preferences, how tensions between different design attributes or design and
Policy D5.4 Alterations and extensions to existing buildings	As per title	Queries raised on application of urban design policies
Policy D5.5 Managing heritage assets	Policy on all types of heritage assets	Detailed representations being considered
Policy D5.6 Advertisements	Policy on advertisements	Specific queries raised at consultation on relationship between policy and permitted advertising developments – updates being undertaken
Policy D5.7 Telecommunications	Policy on siting of telecoms equipment	Updates required, including on 5G
Policy D5.8 Shop front design and signage	Policy on shopfront design (regardless of occupier)	Specific queries raised at consultation on relationship between policy and permitted shopfront design changes – updates being considered
Policy D5.9 Dwelling Conversions	Policy relates to design of dwelling conversions	Queries raised at consultation to stop / severely restrict dwelling conversions
Policy D5.10 Basements and subterranean developments	Policy applies to all new basement developments, including the construction or extension below the prevailing ground level of a site or	The policy and the justification text are both being reviewed following comments received at stage 2 consultation. Looking to strengthen the policy links to Sustainable Drainage (SUDS)

	<p>property. Policy seeks to ensure that all basement developments are safe, secure and do not have any adverse impact to the natural and built environment, increase flooding and/or have an impact on land stability.</p>	<p>Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) and the Basement and subterranean SPD.</p> <p>This policy will be informed by the emerging Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) is currently being carried out in partnership with the Environment Agency and Wandsworth Council. The SFRA is expected to be completed by autumn 2020.</p>
Strategic Policy In6.1 Social and community infrastructure	<p>Sets out the policies on supporting the provision and improvement of infrastructure across the borough to ensure that the necessary infrastructure is secured to support growth over the plan period.</p>	<p>Following a review of the Stage 2 consultation responses and the draft London Plan (Intend to Publish version), this policy has been updated to reflect up to date information. Information has been added on digital technology, utilities and emergency services. Further work is also continuing the Infrastructure Delivery Plan, which will be a supporting document for the Local Plan.</p> <p>The policy has been renamed to In6.1 Infrastructure.</p>
Policy In6.2 Delivering social and community infrastructure	<p>Sets out the policies on the provision of and improvements to social and community infrastructure throughout the borough, including health and education.</p>	<p>Following a review of the Stage 2 consultation responses and the draft London Plan (Intend to Publish version), this policy has been updated to reflect up to date information on education and health needs.</p> <p>The policy has been renamed to In6.2 Social and community infrastructure.</p>
Strategic policy W.6.3 Waste management	<p>This policy clarifies that the vision, spatial strategy, policies and sites for the sustainable management of waste, are set out in the sub-regional South London Waste Plan document.</p> <p>The policy also requires the provision of integrated, well-designed waste storage facilities that will include recycling facilities.</p>	<p>Stage 2 public consultation comments reviewed, and amendments incorporated.</p> <p>Stage 3 'submission' draft is due to be published in summer 2020.</p>

	The design details of such facilities are however set out in the design policies.	
Strategic Policy T6.4 Supporting an inclusive and better-connected transport network	Policy T6.4 Sets out the policies to support the provision and improvement of transport infrastructure and to facilitate modal change away from private cars to support anticipated growth over the plan period.	Title changed. Stage 2 comments reviewed, and amendments incorporated. Policy reviewed to make more succinct. Reference to healthy streets approach and vision zero included within supporting text.
Policy T6.5 Sustainable and active travel	Policy T6.5 replaced with separate T6.5 Prioritising walking and T6.6 Prioritising cycling to place more emphasis on active travel	Stage 2 responses considered, and amendment included where appropriate. Policy split into separate walking and cycling policies to reflect priority of delivering more active travel. Policy made more concise
Policy T6.6 Transport impacts of development	T6.6 now T6.7 To ensure fully assess the transport impact of development	Stage 2 comments reviewed, and amendments incorporated. Further review of the policy is progress in the context on Climate change and London Plan modification/comments. Outlines construction logistic approach. Introduces MTS priority areas.
Policy T6.7 Car parking and servicing	T6.7 now T6.8 Car Parking, deliveries and services to ensure these issues are better integrated into design processes and take account of changing lifestyles.	Policy amended to make more concise, better clarify on servicing, delivery requirements, disable parking and refuse requirements. Approach reviewed in respect to Secretary of State response to London Plan, particularly parking standards. Electric vehicle charging infrastructure requirements broadened.
Policy T6.8 Transport infrastructure	T6.7 now T6.9 to ensure safeguards are placed on protecting existing infrastructure and to supporting future infrastructure needs	Policy amended to reference CR2 and other strategic transport projects, include reference to non-safeguard sites. Reference to Sutton Link and High Path Estate incorporated.
Policy Ec7.1 Economic Development	Strategic policy on economic development in Merton	Pre-Covid, Merton continues to have highest demand for business space in south London Update to respond to consultation responses, Declaration of Climate Emergency, circular economy demands Council due to carry out an economic assessment, including future demand for retail, office and other business space. This will help shape

		the final policies on economic development.
Policy Ec 7.2 Employment areas in Merton	Sets out designated industrial areas. Removes site Mi1 Benedict Wharf from industrial designation. Proposes Streatham Road as designated industrial	Considering whether Streatham Road industrial area should be designated industrial. Public consultation revisions include reference to protection for existing businesses from new noise-sensitive neighbours (“agent of change” policy)
Policy Ec 7.3 Offices in town centres	Protects offices for which there is demand in Merton’s town centres	Council due to carry out an economic assessment, including future demand for retail, office and other business space. This will help shape the final policies on economic development.
Policy Ec7.4 Protection of scattered employment sites	Protects employment sites that are scattered across Merton for which there is demand	Some consultation responses sought increased release for housing. Unlikely to be recommended as a blanket policy change as continued high demand / rental yields for local business space and lack of sites
Policy Ec7.5 Local employment opportunities	Policy requires major developments to increase employment and training opportunities for residents during construction and, if non-residential, the lifetime of the development	Similar to existing – limited consultation response
Policy Tc7.6 Location and scale of development in Merton’s town centres and neighbourhood parades	Policy to ensure people have access to shops and services by setting scale of development in major town centre (Wimbledon) down to the smallest neighbourhood parade	Some consultation responses requested the designation of more neighbourhood parades in specific locations Council due to carry out an economic assessment, including future demand for retail, office and other business space. This will help shape the final policies.
Policy Tc7.7 Protection of shopping facilities within designated shopping frontages	Policy on protection of specific types of shops within town centre shopping parades	Queries raised on different locations of designated shopping frontages; being reviewed. Query on whether zoning of services should be taken forward at all
Policy Tc7.8 Development of town centre type uses outside town centres	“town centre first” policy on commercial development	

Policy Tc7.9 Protecting corner/ local shops	Policy to ensure most homes have a local shop within 5 minutes walk	Public consultation highlighted need for consistency with health and wellbeing policies; amendments will be proposed to address this.
Food and drink / leisure and entertainment uses Policy Tc7.10	Policy on location of those uses in town centres and elsewhere	Public consultation highlighted need for consistency with health and wellbeing policies; amendments will be proposed to address this.
Culture, arts and tourism development Policy Tc7.11		Limited comments received; tend to be specific to particular parts of the borough.
Strategic Policy O8.1 Open Space, Green Infrastructure and Nature Conservation	Sets out the strategic policies on the protection and enhancement of the borough's open spaces and green infrastructure.	Officers are reviewing the policy in response to Stage 2 consultation feedback, the draft London Plan (Intend to Publish version), the updated Green Infrastructure, Biodiversity and Open Space Study and the emerging Climate Action Plan. Officers are also reviewing and updating designations to the Sites and Policies Maps 2014 for future consultation.
Policy O8.2 Open Space and Green Infrastructure	Sets out the detailed policies on the protection and enhancement of the borough's open spaces and green infrastructure.	As above in O8.1.
Policy O8.3 Biodiversity and nature conservation	Sets out the policies on the protection and enhancement of biodiversity and nature conservation in the borough.	As above in O8.1.
Policy O8.4 Protection of Trees	Sets out the policies on the protection of trees and details of tree planting as part of new developments.	Officers are reviewing the policy in response to Stage 2 consultation feedback, the draft London Plan (Intend to Publish version) and the emerging Climate Action Plan.
Policy O8.5 Leisure, Sport and Recreation	Sets out the detailed policies on the promotion of opportunities for sport, recreation and play as part of a healthy lifestyle.	Officers are reviewing the policy to reflect the updated Playing Pitch Strategy (adopted in 2019) and Stage 2 consultation responses.

Strategic Policy F8.6 Managing flood risk from all sources of flooding	Sets out Merton's priorities for flood risk management in the borough	Following the consultation, the policy has been reviewed and appropriate minor changes made.
Policy F8.7 How to manage flood risk	<p>The Policy aims is to steer inappropriate development away from areas at risk of flooding.</p> <p>The policy also covers basement development.</p>	<p>Following the consultation, the policy has been reviewed and appropriate changes made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A stronger link to supporting documents for example Basement Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) and soon to be adopted Sustainable Drainage SPD. • Reviewing strengthening the basement element of the policy. <p>We currently carrying out a new Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) in partnership with the Environment Agency and Wandsworth Council. The SFRA will inform all flood risk management and basement policies in the Local Plan. The SFRA is expected to be completed by autumn 2020.</p>
Policy F8.8 Sustainable drainage systems (SUDS)	Policy aims to ensure that development proposals adopt sustainable drainage measure as part of their development proposals	The policy is being reviewed. Looking to streamline the policy to make it easier to understand, signposting to other supportive documents for example the Basement SPD and the Sustainable Drainage SPD
Policy P.8.9 Improving air quality and minimising pollution Air Quality/ Noise and vibration/ Light pollution/ Odours and fume control/ Land contamination/ Managing pollution from construction and demolition	<p>Policy aims to tackle poor air quality, protect health and meet environmental legal obligations for example for land contamination, fume control and noise pollution.</p> <p>In addition, the policy seeks to manage pollutants during construction and demolition.</p>	Following consultation responses minor changes to be made to the supporting text linking to the emerging Air Quality SPD and minor changes to supporting text on Air Quality Assessments and other pollutants in the policy.

Strategic Policy CC8.10 Promoting sustainable design to mitigate and adapt to climate change	Sets out the strategic policies promoting sustainable design in Merton to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in line with Merton's declaration of a Climate Emergency and carbon reduction targets, and to increase local resilience to the impacts of climate change. This also links to other relevant policies in the Local Plan such as transport, green infrastructure and flooding policies.	Officers are reviewing the climate change policies following Merton's declaration of a Climate Emergency, and in response to Stage 2 consultation feedback and the draft London Plan (Intend to Publish version). The policies are being updated to reflect the standards required to deliver Merton's ambition of being net zero carbon by 2050 in line with Merton's emerging Climate Strategy and Action Plan, as well as regional and national carbon reduction targets. The justification for this strategic policy highlights the gap between current national and regional policies and the standard required to achieve our carbon reduction targets whilst minimising Merton's future retrofit burden.
Policy CC8.11 Minimising energy use and greenhouse gas emissions	Sets out the detailed policies requiring all development to minimise energy use and greenhouse gas emissions.	<p>Following the Council's declaration of a Climate Emergency, Policy CC8.11 is being reviewed to drive further energy and carbon savings on site in order to deliver our carbon reduction targets and minimise Merton's future retrofit burden. The updated policies will go beyond Building Regulations and the London Plan in response to the Committee on Climate Change's UK Housing: Fit for the future report published in February 2019 and the London Energy Transformation Initiative's Climate Emergency Design Guide published in January 2020.</p> <p>The updated policy will drive a fabric first approach to minimise energy demand and carbon emissions. The policy will also require increased disclosure of anticipated energy demand and post-occupancy monitoring for major schemes to better understand the performance gap between building design and operation.</p> <p>Officers are also considering including a requirement to make all new development fossil-fuel free to drive the decarbonisation of heat in Merton.</p>
Policy CC8.12 Sustainable design and construction	Sets out the relevant design standards for new developments, refurbishments and conversions to ensure effective use of resources including water and energy use.	Officers are reviewing the policy in response to Stage 2 consultation feedback, the draft London Plan (Intend to Publish version) and emerging evidence on sustainability standards required to deliver carbon reduction targets in line with Merton's emerging Climate Strategy & Action Plan.
Policy CC8.13	Sets out the detailed policies which	Officers are reviewing the policy in response to Stage 2 consultation

Maximising low carbon and renewable energy generation	aim to maximise decentralised low carbon and renewable energy generation.	feedback, the draft London Plan (Intend to Publish version) and emerging evidence on sustainability standards required to deliver carbon reduction targets in line with Merton's emerging Climate Strategy & Action Plan.
Policy CC8.14 Adapting to a changing climate	Sets out the detailed policies requiring developments to ensure climate adaptation and resilience by minimising the risk of overheating and flooding.	Officers have reviewed and made appropriate minor changes to the policy in response to Stage 2 consultation feedback and the draft London Plan (Intend to Publish version).
Policy CC8.15 Minimising waste and promoting a circular economy	Sets out the detailed policies requiring development to adopt a circular economy approach to minimise waste	Officers are reviewing the policy in response to Stage 2 Consultation feedback, the draft London Plan (Intend to Publish version) and recent guidance including the Mayor's circular economy and whole life-cycle carbon guidance.
Officer	Summary of policy requirements	Summary of progress since Stage 2 consultation
AMC	As part of producing a new Local Plan, we are required to identify specific sites for specific purposes, such as housing or employment development known as Site Allocations.	All sites are being reviewed following comments from developers and site owners to establish if sites are still available, suitable and deliverable for development within the plan period.

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Local Plan vision and strategic objectives

Summary of policy requirements	Summary of progress since Stage 2 consultation
<p>The Strategic Objectives apply to the whole of Merton and provide a framework for the Local Plan and are steppingstones to deliver the vision.</p>	<p>Minor changes have been made to strengthen and/or link to other policy topics for example air quality, health and climate change.</p> <p>This will include reference to the new Merton Community Plan and the Declaration of Climate Emergency.</p>

Policies Map

Summary of Policies Map	Summary of progress since Stage 2 consultation
<p>The policies map shows site allocations and designations for example open space, town centre and transport proposals arising from policies in the Local Plan.</p>	<p>Updating the Policies Map (as part of the Local Plan development).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New proposed site allocations • New Local Centre designation: South Wimbledon • Updating the Metropolitan Open Land, Open Space, Green Corridor and Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation designations following completion of Green Infrastructure, Biodiversity and Open Space Study • Updating South London Waste Plan designations (linked to the emerging South London Waste Plan) • Exploring ways of displaying Local Plan maps interactively as part of the implementation of the new GIS system -making the Policies Map more accessible to residents, developers and to officers.