

1. Decision to be called in: (required)

Closure of Merantun Development Ltd

2. Which of the principles of decision making in Article 13 of the constitution has not been applied? (required)

Required by part 4E Section 16(c)(a)(ii) of the constitution - tick all that apply:

(a) proportionality (i.e. the action must be proportionate to the desired outcome);	
(b) due consultation and the taking of professional advice from officers;	
(c) respect for human rights and equalities;	
(d) a presumption in favour of openness;	x
(e) clarity of aims and desired outcomes;	
(f) consideration and evaluation of alternatives;	x
(g) irrelevant matters must be ignored.	

3. Desired outcome

Part 4E Section 16(f) of the constitution- select one:

(a) The Panel/Commission to refer the decision back to the decision making person or body for reconsideration, setting out in writing the nature of its concerns.	x
(b) To refer the matter to full Council where the Commission/Panel determines that the decision is contrary to the Policy and/or Budget Framework	x
(c) The Panel/Commission to decide not to refer the matter back to the decision making person or body *	
* If you select (c) please explain the purpose of calling in the decision.	

4. Evidence which demonstrates the alleged breach(es) indicated in 2 above (required)

Required by part 4E Section 16(c)(a)(ii) of the constitution:

(d) a presumption in favour of openness;

The decision has been made by the administration with limited notice given to opposition councillors. As there are potentially large financial ramifications from this decision, it should be scrutinized by full council.

(e) consideration and evaluation of alternatives;

It is a significant change in previously agreed Council policy for which insufficient alternatives have been presented and that, rather than a decision being taken by a sub-committee, a recommendation should have been made for consideration at a full Council meeting.

5. Documents requested

All papers provided to the Director of Environment and Regeneration/Director of Corporate Services/ and relevant Cabinet Members prior to, during and subsequent to the decision on closing Merantun Development Ltd.

All emails, reports and associated documentation relating to the decision provided to the relevant Cabinet Members, Leader of the Council, Chief Executive, Director of Environment and Regeneration, Director of Corporate Services and other council officers.

6. Witnesses requested

Cllr Mark Allison, Leader of the Council

Cllr Martin Whelton, Cabinet Member for Housing, Regeneration and the climate emergency

Cllr Tobin Byers, Cabinet Member for Finance

Louise Round, Managing Director Corporate Services

Chris Lee, Director of Environment and Regeneration

James McGinley, Head of sustainable Merton

7. Signed (not required if sent by email):



Cllr Nick McLean

Cllr Stephen Crowe

Cllr Ed Gretton

8. Notes – see part 4E section 16 of the constitution

Call-ins must be supported by at least three members of the Council.

The call in form and supporting requests must be received by 12 Noon on the third working day following the publication of the decision.

The form and/or supporting requests must be sent:

- **EITHER** by email from a Councillor's email account (no signature required) to democratic.services@merton.gov.uk
- **OR** as a signed paper copy to the Head of Democracy Services, 7th floor, Civic Centre, London Road, Morden SM4 5DX.

For further information or advice contact the Head of Democracy Services on
020 8545 3864

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