



Notice of the adoption of Merton's Local Plan to 2038 In accordance with Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended) (Regulations 17, 26 and 35)

Notice is hereby given that (in accordance with the above legislation) the Merton Local Plan 2038 was adopted by the council on the 20th of November 2024. In doing so, the Core Planning Strategy (2011), Sites and Policies Plan (2014) and Policies Map (2014) were formally superseded and withdrawn.

Merton's Local Plan sets out the vision, objectives and spatial strategy for the borough, allocating sites for several types of development, for example housing and employment, to support future growth up to 2037/38. The Local Plan now carries full weight in the consideration of planning applications.

On 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021, the Secretary of State appointed G J Fort BA PGDip LLM MCD MRTPI and R J Aston BSc (Hons) DipTP MRTPI to conduct an independent Examination in Public on the Plan. On the 7<sup>th</sup> of October 2024, the council received the Inspectors' Report confirming the Plan was found 'sound' subject to modifications.

Any person aggrieved by the London Borough of Merton Local Plan 2038 may make an application to the High Court under Section 113 (3) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 on the ground that:

- (a) The Local Plan is not within the powers conferred by Part 2 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004; or
- (b) A procedural requirement has not been complied with.

Any such application must be made no later than the end of the period of six weeks starting from 20<sup>th</sup> November 2024 the date of the Local Plan adoption.

The documents which make up the Local Plan 2024, this Adoption Statement and the associated sustainability appraisal report can be viewed on the Local Plan page of the [council's website](#).

These documents are also available for inspection during normal office hours at Merton Civic Centre, London Road, Morden SM4 5DX and at Merton's reference [libraries](#). If you require further information, please email [regeneration@merton.gov.uk](mailto:regeneration@merton.gov.uk)

In accordance with the regulations a copy of this Adoption Statement has been sent to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government.