

Cricket Green Charter

This charter should be used to inform policies and decisions about the future of Cricket Green

The rich story of Cricket Green told through its buildings, open spaces and people sets the standard and makes development in the area a privilege. All development should be required to show it matches up to the quality of the area and contributes positively to its future.

Character and context

1. All new development should be considered in the context of the whole area and its contribution to the Cricket Green Charter
2. All new development should add to and not detract from the local character, and be respectful of setting, context, massing and height
3. Cricket Green's history and story should be revealed more effectively and the area given greater coherence
4. The diversity of building characters and styles across different periods is a vital asset, and any new development should add positively to this story

Open space

5. There should be no loss of open space, and the established common land and town greens should have absolute protection
6. The variety of open space should be positively managed for quiet enjoyment, recreation, sport and nature
7. Cricket should continue to be played on the green in perpetuity
8. Retaining and enhancing the character of Cricket Green road running alongside the east of the cricket ground should be a starting point for any future development in Birches Close or at Brooke House

Walking

9. Pedestrian movement around the area should be made easier, including by action to improve road crossings, manage traffic and remove lorries from Church Road
10. Pedestrian routes should be enhanced throughout the area, including between Church Road and London Road Playing Fields and through the Wilson Hospital site

Quality

11. Any new development facing the cricket ground and other open space at the heart of Cricket Green should be of a standard that could warrant listing within 30 years
12. High-quality modern development has its place in the future of the area if it makes a distinctive contribution that positively enhances the local area
13. New development should strengthen Cricket Green's reputation and support its aspirations – including the type of new housing and attracting high quality facilities

Lighting

14. The sensitive lighting and attractive nightscape should be respected

Affordability

15. Cricket Green should remain an affordable location to live

Activities

16. There should be more reasons for people to linger and things to see and do, including in the evening
17. There should be a community arts centre providing a focus for the area and opportunities to meet

Canons House and Park Place

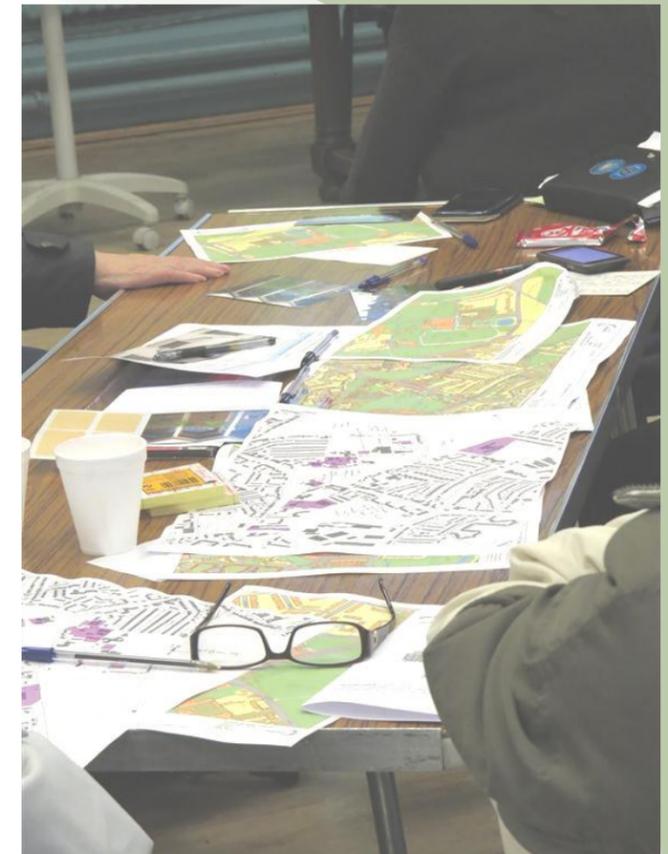
18. Canons House, Park Place and their grounds should be restored, given greater unity and become a thriving centre of cultural and leisure activity which appeals beyond the local area

The island site

19. The island site – including the fire station and Cricketers – should be a focus of local community activity, and be developed and managed as a coherent whole

The development process

20. The potential of land swaps, planning gain and the community infrastructure levy to secure the best location and outcomes from development for the area should be fully exploited
21. There should be opportunities for greater community ownership and control over management of key sites and development decisions, including the potential of a Community Land Trust and local community trust



The Cricket Green Charter presents the conclusions of Tune In Cricket Green – a workshop for all those involved in the area organised by Mitcham Cricket Green Community and Heritage working in partnership with the futureMerton team at London Borough of Merton and local ward councillors.

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