

Benedict Wharf, Mitcham

SUEZ has recently purchased a new site in South London for development as part of its plans to grow its business and to meet the future needs of London and the wider south east region.

This site is located in a largely industrial area, with permission for up to 350,000 tonnes per year of waste treatment and is consented to operate 24/7 with no restriction on truck numbers..

This purchase gives SUEZ the flexibility to replace the capacity handled by our Benedict Wharf site in Mitcham with a site that is less constrained and more flexible to manage and recycle London`s waste for the next 10 years and beyond and therefore to consider alternative uses for the Benedict Wharf site.

Our initial thoughts are that a housing led scheme could be appropriate for this location, and we intend to submit the site to the London Borough of Merton`s forthcoming consultation on sites for future development in the borough.

We also intend to come forward with outline plans for the site to safeguard our legacy, and to involve the community in the process of drawing up outline plans. To that end, we are seeking to appoint architects with a demonstrable track record in community planning to assist SUEZ to take forward proposals which accord with the character of the area and the ambitions of the community.

We anticipate that it could take at least two years to develop the new site we have purchased and transfer operations from our Benedict Wharf site, so for the time being it is business as usual.

We will keep the CLG updated on our progress and would welcome feedback at this early stage on ways to involve the community and the organisations that we should seek to engage in this process.