



Bulletin Summer 2018



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SUEZ is leaving Mitcham

The waste facility at Benedict Wharf is expected to be gone from Mitcham within two years. SUEZ feels the site is not appropriate for the type of work it needs to do in the future, which includes 24/7 operational access for large lorries. This decision has been prompted in part by the Community Liaison Group that we are involved with, and by our traffic surveys in 2012 and last year, both of which make the point that large lorries should not use the narrow part of Church Road down to Cricket Green.

SUEZ plans to leave the site with planning permission for housing-led development, and has pledged a high level of community engagement in the design process. We are working with them on this and to ensure development takes full advantage of the opportunities to open up and connect our area, such as by creating new access from Mitcham to Morden Hall Park, and opening up access across London Road Playing Fields.

This could be the largest housing development in Mitcham in a generation, and it has huge potential to create new routes through our area and connect its green spaces. It's an exciting prospect.

There is still no update on the **Burn Bullock**. As far as we are aware work on development of the site has stalled since outline plans were shown at a public meeting in December 2016. We are aware of local concerns about the state of this much loved Grade II listed building, and we share them.

Merton Council has published its **Air Quality Action Plan** and we have come together with Friends of Mitcham Common and Mitcham Society to provide a response which calls for a number of actions. Read it at our web site.

Last year we secured a number of additions to the **Local List** - the cast iron Victorian gas lamp post at Jubilee Corner, historic running track at Park Place, Bramcote Court and Parade and lamp stands at Canons Lodge. Now we are making further proposals including: Mitcham police station, the

Victorian buildings at 4-7 Upper Green West, the early 19th Century shops at 5-11 Upper Green East, and 326 London Road which is the current Citizens Advice building.

We love the **distinctive green road signs** that mark out the Conservation Area, with their unique design that incorporates stumps reminding us of the longstanding tradition of playing cricket on the green. We are campaigning to have the signs protected and restored. Let us know of any you are aware of that are in a sorry state, and need immediate attention.

Come and see us at **Mitcham Carnival on 16th June**. We always enjoy making new friends at this popular local event, and you can find out more about us and our work there.

Merton Local Plan review

We've pulled out the stops for the review of this key document that will identify development sites and set planning policy for more than a decade.

Our detailed submission includes proposals to ensure high quality development on key sites, such as Benedict Wharf, Wilson Hospital and the Burn Bullock as well as protecting local shopping parades and important community buildings - like the cricket pavilion.

We're also asking Merton Council to support new residential development based on streets and houses not blocks and flats. Other proposals include protecting our local ponds, tackling traffic and improving air quality.

The plan will go to a public inquiry with a Government Inspector and you can read our submission in full at our web site.

All systems go for The Canons project

Plans to revamp The Canons house and open spaces achieved a £4.8 million grant from Heritage Lottery Fund and Big Lottery Fund's Parks for People programme in June 2017. Since then planning permission has been secured for the project, and a project manager and community engagement officer have been recruited.

We are very proud of playing our part in The Canons Partnership, the group that took this project from an idea in 2011 to a funded project in 2017. The funded project will see the Grade II listed house brought back into use, and a range of work done to rejuvenate the surrounding open spaces, as well as a programme of community events and activities over the coming years.

We will now work closely with Merton Council and other partners to bring this project to fruition.

Preparing for our 50th birthday

Next year we are celebrating 50 years of Mitcham Cricket Green Conservation Area. We are already making plans for this important anniversary:

Last year we launched our online **interactive community map** where local people have their say about what makes our area special. The map can be accessed from any computer, phone or tablet at our web site www.mitchamcricketgreen.org.uk. Development of the map was funded by Big Lottery Fund's Celebrate England, and the work was done by community mapping service PlaceCheck.

Now we are looking specifically for **50 things** that make our area special. We will collect these throughout 2018 and then share what we learn as part of our 2019 celebrations. Make your contribution by adding to the community map, or email us – including a photo if you can - and tell us about your favourite things – info@mitchamcricketgreen.org.uk.

About Mitcham Cricket Green Community & Heritage

Mitcham Cricket Green Community & Heritage is the civic society for Mitcham Cricket Green Conservation Area and its environs. Mitcham Cricket Green Conservation Area was among the first to be designated in Merton, in 1969. Cricket Green has great historical importance, including a really interesting sporting heritage that's about more than just cricket. We work hard to protect Cricket Green, maintain its much valued village character, and encourage everyone to enjoy its open spaces and take pleasure in its history and diverse local community.

We are part of a national network of hundreds of civic societies through our membership of Civic Voice.

Everyone is welcome to come to one of our open meetings. You don't have to be a member. We meet on the last Tuesday of every month (except December) in the cricket pavilion on Cricket Green. 7pm start.

Dates for your diary

Full details will be at our web site - www.mitchamcricketgreen.org.uk

16th June Mitcham Carnival

25th July Community on the Green

8th September Mitcham Heritage Day

Join us and make a difference

As a local charity and voluntary group we rely on your support. How you can help us:

- Join us. Annual membership costs £10. There is a joining form at our web site or email us or write to our registered office (address below)
- Follow our lively and informative twitter stream - @MitchamCrktGrn
- Follow us on Facebook



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