



## Cricket Green Charter

This Charter should be used to inform policies and decisions about the future of Cricket Green. It has been prepared during the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of Mitcham Cricket Green Conservation Area and replaces the previous Charter.

The rich story of Cricket Green told through its buildings, open spaces and people sets the standard for how the area should evolve. Undertaking new development which adds to this story is a privilege and all new development should be required to show how it adds positively to Cricket Green's future.

### Quality development

All new development should add to local character and be respectful of setting, context, massing and height

The predominant residential character based on streets and houses should be maintained and new development based on blocks and flats avoided

The diversity of building characters and styles across different periods is a vital asset and where new development of a contemporary style is appropriate then it should add positively to this story

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

A design code for Cricket Green, produced in collaboration with the community should guide new development

The attractive nightscape and sensitive nightscape should be respected and all new external lighting subdued

### Green spaces

There should be no loss of green space and the registered town greens and Mitcham Common should have absolute protection

The variety of open space should be positively managed for quiet enjoyment, recreation, sport and nature and ground markings (such as pitches) and structures kept to a bare minimum

Management plans for each of the registered town greens, The Canons and Mitcham Common should be prepared to benefit wildlife and enhance the landscape, including rationalising the different railings, posts, bollards and supporting a programme of succession planting of trees

### Community

Cricket should continue to be played on the green in perpetuity and Mitcham cricket pavilion and operational land should be in community ownership

Cricket Green should be an affordable location to live

There should be more places to meet and things to see and do, including more cultural events, activities and venues

Local shopping parades, community facilities and commercial workshops should be protected and enhanced

Cricket Green's story should be revealed more effectively and the area given greater coherence

### Walking around

Pedestrian routes should be enhanced throughout the area, including new links through Benedict Wharf, the Wilson and the Birches; and to the Wandle Trail and Watermeads

Highways investment should improve conditions for pedestrians in Cricket Green Road, at Jubilee Corner and around Lower Green West, and King George VI Avenue should be closed to cars

### Major sites

The Wilson should be revitalised to meet the area's health needs and include community facilities additional to those already available

Development at The Wilson should be based on a community—led design brief and retain the full classical frontage and symmetry of the existing building facing Cranmer Green

Benedict Wharf should be re-purposed for mixed housing based around new streets and green links without any visual intrusion on the surrounding area

### The development process

The community infrastructure levy on new development should be spent on priorities agreed with the local community and support delivery of the Cricket Green Charter

Developers should be required to engage early with the local community to influence proposals prior to submission of planning applications

Planning laws should be enforced by Merton Council

Unsightly clusters of estate agent boards and 'bad neighbour' activity such as fly tipping, fly posting and illegal parking should be swiftly dealt with by Merton Council

The Cricket Green Charter presents the conclusions of dialogue with local people, including a workshop for all those involved in the area organised by Mitcham Cricket Green Community & Heritage working in partnership with the Future Merton team at London Borough of Merton and local ward councillors.

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### **Your feedback**

Let us know what you think by:

- attending a special public meeting in the Vestry Hall on Monday 8th April at 7pm
- sending your comments on this draft Charter to [info@mitchamcricketgreen.org.uk](mailto:info@mitchamcricketgreen.org.uk) before Easter

In providing your feedback these questions might be helpful:

- Do you support the Cricket Green Charter?
- How would you like to see Cricket Green change and develop?
- What would you like to see more of?
- What is special about Cricket Green that should be protected?
- What has happened in the last few years you would rather not see repeated?
- What kind of new development would be welcome?
- What community facilities are we lacking?