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Conservation Area and its environs

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Celebrating 50 years of Mitcham Cricket Green Conservation Area

The new Cricket Green Charter

As part of our celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Mitcham Cricket Green Conservation Area we have refreshed our Cricket Green Charter. We have listened hard to what local people have told us they want for Cricket Green. We asked people for their views at a public meeting at the Vestry Hall in April, at the Mitcham Carnival in June, through our web site and social media, and by approaching directly more than 4,500 households in the area.

Our new Cricket Green Charter is a clear statement of these views.

We will use the Charter to help us comment on plans for our area, for example for new buildings or other changes. We will use it to help us stand up for what local people want. We will publish the new Cricket Green Charter at our web site www.mitchamcricketgreen.org.uk.

We are celebrating the **50th anniversary** of Mitcham Cricket Green Conservation Area by tweeting 50 things that local people love on @MitchamCrktGrn. Email your suggestions – info@mitchamcricketgreen.org.uk

A final decision on plans to build flats on the car park of the Grade II listed **White Hart pub** had not been made at the time of writing. We are concerned that the proposed flats will be visible from the main road and have asked for them to be lowered. We're pleased about plans to bring this much loved pub back into use and look forward to its opening day.

Suez submitted its planning application for the **Benedict Wharf** site in early July. The application is for up to 600 dwellings in blocks of up to 8 storeys with the tallest facing onto London Road playing fields. Search Merton Council's web site for planning application 19/P2383.

There is still no definite resolution for the **Burn Bullock** and **Cricket Pavilion**. A care home provider has expressed interest in the car park that was formerly thought of as a

potential hotel. Watch our web site for emerging updates.

We have successfully renewed Asset of Community Value status for **Mitcham Cricket Pavilion**. This grants a level of protection for the pavilion. Details in a post at our web site.

Merton Council's **Design Review Panel** has seen plans for a number of key sites in Mitcham over recent months. Unfortunately none of the discussions was held in public. We are shocked at the secrecy around these sites for which, at the time of writing there, is no public information. **Mitcham Fire Station** "*change of use and extensions to locally listed former fire station to residential use for 7 flats*" was sold in June for £670,000. **Former Kwik Fit Garage** (which already has planning permission for flats so poorly designed we asked for the site to be removed from the conservation area) "*ground floor commercial space and 23 flats above and to the side.*" **Car Wash 370-374 London Road** (next to Kwik Fit site) "*ground floor commercial space with 17 flats above in a 5-storey building.*"

Worsfold House to be sold, community facilities lost

Worsfold House (off Church Road) and surrounding green space, is to be sold to Clarion Housing Group and used by them as a 'decant site' for the regeneration of the Eastfields Estate.

We have expressed concern at the loss of space for voluntary organisations currently based at Worsfold House, and urged Merton Council to find them new homes. They have been given notice to quit by 30 November 2019.

We are disappointed at the lack of transparency around the sale to Clarion. The Estates Regeneration Scheme (Eastfields, Ravensbury and High Path) is well advanced, yet Worsfold House has come into the picture very late in the day. We have long flagged the site as appropriate for high quality housing, community use and community land trust potential.

Now that a decision to sell has been made, we think Merton Council should be proactive in ensuring the highest standards of development and set tough conditions, including co-design, the provision of community spaces, and a strong, community led, long-term vision for the site.

Merton Heritage Service – celebrating 25 years.

A big shout-out to Merton Heritage Service and to Service Manager Sarah Gould. Now based at the Civic Centre in Morden, the Heritage Service was initially located in the basement of The Canons, Mitcham. This year it celebrates its 25th birthday.

Dates for your diary

September 14th Mitcham Heritage Day. Free exhibitions, open buildings and more. This year's participants • Mitcham Bowling Club • Cricket Green School • Mary Tate Cottages • former Three Kings Pub • Mitcham Cricket Club • Mitcham Parish Church • Mitcham Methodist Church • The Canons house • Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church • Wandle Industrial Museum • Mitcham Golf Club • Melanie's Walks.

See www.mitchamcricketgreen.org.uk for the full programme, including timed events.

Last Tuesday of the month at 7pm monthly open meeting. Everyone is welcome. Find out more about us and what we do. Usually at Mitcham Cricket Pavilion, but check web site for venue and time.

For more information about events, news and our work, and for all the latest updates check our web site www.mitchamcricketgreen.org.uk.