



**APPLICATION BY MITCHAM CRICKET GREEN COMMUNITY & HERITAGE FOR ADDITION TO
MERTON'S LOCAL LIST**

Name of heritage asset

Mitcham Police Station

Address of heritage asset

58 Cricket Green, Mitcham CR4 4LA

Description of heritage asset

Distinctive office and civic building facing Mitcham Cricket Green

Statement on how heritage asset meets Council criteria (architectural style; age & history; detailing; group value; building materials; subsequent alterations)

Mitcham Police Station was opened on 18th June 1966 by Mayor of Merton Sir Cyril Black. It cost £98,000 and over 3,000 members of the public toured the station and visited a special exhibition in the car park throughout the day.

The police station is a distinctive yellow brick building redolent of its time which sits easily alongside the diverse assemblage of buildings around the historic Cricket Green. Along with the Grade II listed Mitcham Methodist Church, the Police Station represents the 20th century's main additions to the variety of architectural styles and traditions around the registered Town Green. It was designed by the chief architect and surveyor's department of the Metropolitan Police

The Mitcham Cricket Green Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan identifies Mitcham Police Station as making a *"positive contribution"* to the Conservation Area and states it is *"very much a building of its time, is the three storey typical early 1960's Police Station which features two storey window panel at first and second floors, set in reconstructed stone surround and mullions. The building positively adds to the architectural variety which is a feature of this area."* The police station is brigaded with the Vestry Hall and Methodist Church – *"The small scale development around the greens is punctuated with more imposing civic and community buildings such as the Vestry Hall, the police station and the Methodist Church"*

The importance of the building is set to continue with the announcement it will be the focus of policing in the borough and operate around the clock.

Mitcham Police Station warrants local listing against the following criterion:

- Architectural style – a distinctive building with striking fenestration that speaks to the time of its construction and which sits easily as a modern addition to Cricket Green Conservation Area

Proposed in 2017 and agreed by Conservation Officer as meriting adding to the Local List. Decision

deferred pending provision of a recent photograph to members of Borough Plan Advisory Committee in formulating recommendations. A recent photograph is provided below.

How many photos provided?

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Mitcham Police Station - front



Mitcham Police Station - rear

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Mitcham Police Station in 1974 (<http://mertonhistoricalsociety.org.uk/the-cricket-green-e-n-montagues-slides/>)

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