

Wimbledon Community Forum Agenda

Date: Monday 14 March 2016

Time: 7.15 pm

Venue: Mansel Road Centre, Trinity United Reform
Church, Mansel Road, Wimbledon, SW19 4AA

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Future meetings: all 7.15pm in Wimbledon Arts Space

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Wimbledon Community Forum 14 March 2016 Chair's Report

The meeting was held at the Mansel Road Community Centre, and chaired by Councillor James Holmes. Approximately 50 residents attended, as well as Merton Councillors, and officers from the council and its partners. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Wimbledon Masterplan update

Paul McGarry, Head of future Merton at Merton Council, and Sally Warren from Love Wimbledon Business Improvement District gave a presentation, introducing the Future Wimbledon masterplan and timescales for community participation in the project. The presentation is available to view at http://www.merton.gov.uk/wimbledon_masterplan.pdf.

Residents expressed concern about the long-term disruption that Crossrail 2 would bring, as well as the impact on property owners of potential CPO by TfL. Councillor Andrew Judge responded that, whilst it seemed that the Crossrail 2 scheme would go ahead, TfL had recognised that their most recent proposals were not fitting for Wimbledon. TfL are now exploring alternative options for Wimbledon Station, taking into account feedback from residents and the council, and they will consult on any new proposals in due course. Councillor Judge added that the Labour and Conservative groups in Merton are working together to make the Council's views on Crossrail 2 known and to represent the local community over the proposals, for example, it has been suggested that TfL look at tunnelling the south west trains fast-lines as an alternative to the loss of homes, retail and office in Wimbledon. Paul McGarry added that Crossrail 2 have a property team for anyone concerned about CPO to speak to: <http://crossrail2.co.uk/faq/> and https://consultations.tfl.gov.uk/crossrail2/october2015/user_uploads/g9.pdf

In response to residents' concerns that they have not been involved so far in the Masterplan consultation, Paul McGarry explained that the project hasn't started yet as there are no plans to consult on. The council is still drafting the brief. Tonight's presentation to the forum is to introduce the project. There will be plenty of opportunity for community involvement from mid-2016 through to 2017.

Other than a few workshops with key community groups, 2014's Future Wimbledon ideas competition winners to shape the brief and meetings with a few landowners, so far most of the community engagement has been through the community forums. A team will be in place to run the masterplan process by May-June, led by the Council's futureMerton team and will be looking to engage with as many residents, community groups and landowners as possible over the next year. The masterplan will be working along themes such as heritage, public realm, traffic, buildings and branding. The consultation will have a greater online presence and the council will refresh www.futurewimbledon.com to be the main hub for information.

A resident commented that Wimbledon needs big stores and that the closure of Waterstones, WH Smiths and Next was not welcomed by locals. Sally Warren responded that these stores are actively looking for new sites within the town centre. Paul McGarry added the Waterstones / WHSmith situation was a private landlord issue. Residents also asked what the Council could do to attract more independent businesses. Paul McGarry said

that through the masterplan, the Council would like to explore the creation of new affordable workspace policies for new developments in order to attract independent traders to the town centre.

In response to a question about what kind of utilities infrastructure would be put in place to deal with new planning projects, Paul McGarry explained that infrastructure would be looked at as part of the masterplan. Though at the macro scale, the borough's 15 year infrastructure needs are regularly reviewed as part of the plan-making process, last undertaken in the Core Strategy 2011.

The issue of traffic flow will be examined through the masterplan, for example, whether street calming measures can be taken and if additional infrastructure, such as bridges could be a viable solution to ease traffic in the town centre.

The future Merton team is responsible for regeneration, highways, economic development, strategic planning, sustainability, and place-making. To deliver the masterplan, outside expertise will be needed as the team is not big enough to deliver all of the work itself. The expertise will be drawn from consultancies, including those on procurement framework panels that the Mayor of London has put together.

Resolutions to Council

The Council's Constitution provides in Part 4A, paragraph 2.3(h) that a motion relating to the report (notably the referral of any recommendations) can be submitted in accordance with the timescales provided for in the Constitution.

Based on the recommendations of the Wimbledon Community Forum, it was agreed that Councillor James Holmes would put forward resolutions to Council in accordance with the Council's constitution as follows:

- Office lights - The Wimbledon Community Forum is concerned about the environmental impact of office lights being on all night. The Forum notes the number of lights left on in the Broadway and town centre offices all night and questions whether this is required. The Forum notes energy and climate change legislation and Merton Council's "Brighter Business" initiative which offers local businesses expert energy efficiency advice and support. The Forum is aware that the purpose of the initiative is to reduce running costs and environmental impact.

The Forum has resolved to request Merton Council to ask the Cabinet and Cabinet member responsible, Councillor Andrew Judge to consider any additional measures that he believes appropriate and can be taken to encourage businesses to switch off lights at night. The Forum would welcome additional interventions, contact, publicity and other methods which the Cabinet member deems appropriate and feasible. The Forum notes that the Cabinet is best placed to determine what additional measures may be appropriate.

The Forum would be grateful to receive an update from the Cabinet member personally or in writing in due course.

- Increasing cycling opportunities - The Wimbledon Community Forum would like there to be increased cycling opportunities available in the Borough. The Forum notes the

environmental, congestion and health benefits of cycling. The Forum welcomes the support of the Council for these principles.

The Forum notes and welcomes the Cycling Quietways initiative funded by Transport for London and implemented by Merton Council. The Forum also notes that the possible advent of Crossrail 2 makes additional measures challenging at this time.

The Forum has resolved to request Merton Council to ask the Cabinet and Cabinet member responsible, Councillor Andrew Judge to keep the Forum updated on the Quietways initiative and where both appropriate and possible to consult with the Forum on any Council involvement with its development and roll out in Wimbledon. The Forum further requests that the Cabinet member continue to explore and develop appropriate and affordable cycling opportunities in Wimbledon and to update the Forum in writing or in person in due course on this work.

Smart Metering Risks

Local resident and Electromagnetic Pollution Consultant, Ingrid Dickenson, gave a presentation in response to Thames Water's presentation on Smart Meters at the previous Wimbledon Community Forum meeting. Ms Dickenson's presentation is available to view at http://www.merton.gov.uk/response_to_thames_water_smart_meters.pdf.

Ingrid Dickenson BRCP EMR, Energy Medicine Practitioner and Electromagnetic Pollution Consultant, is a local resident who presents peer reviewed scientific evidence on the health risks of smart meters. She also urges people to consider other associated risks such as their impact on privacy, hiked energy bills and house fires as experienced in the US, where smart meters have been in use for some time. She also provides important weblinks for public information.

Further information related to the presentation can be found at the following websites:
<http://smartgridawareness.org/2015/02/13/how-smart-water-meters-invade-privacy/>
www.stopsmartmeters.org.uk
<https://takebackyourpower.net/>
www.bemri.org
<https://www.emfanalysis.com/tedx-wireless-wake-up-call/>

Soapbox

Responding to a question about whether there would be parking included with the new hotel on the Jimmy Beans site, Councillor Judge said that the plan was for only a small number of disabled parking spaces. He added that local councillors would work to prevent extra vehicles parking on Griffiths Road as a result of the limited on-site parking.

A resident commented that consultation with residents on planning applications should be more extensive. She also asked for feedback from the Leader of the council on a presentation that residents gave about establishing the branding and identity of Wimbledon.
Action: Leader of council

A resident asked if a public notice had been put up to inform residents that the Pinnacle House building on Hartfield Road was going to be constructed, as residents had been unaware of the construction.

Action: Planning department

Councillor Judge explained to residents that if there are works or improvements that they would like to see carried out in the borough, they should inform the council of them. Whilst budget restrictions mean not everything can be done and matters have to be prioritised, the Community Infrastructure Levy allows the council to pay for some things.

A resident complained that the waste collection team has been damaging residents' bins, such as the food waste bins, and that rubbish is being dumped on Palmerston Road and on the Broadway, but not being picked up by street cleaning. It was also mentioned that litterbins on Dundonald Road and Sheridan Road are overflowing. Residents also commented that waste vehicles' engines are left running even when the vehicles are idle, instead of being switched off. These matters have all subsequently been fed back to the Waste team at the council.

Paul McGarry agreed to feedback residents' concerns about air pollution to TfL. He explained that the council does try to keep air pollution down, where it reasonably can; for example, taxi and bus drivers are requested to turn their engines off when their vehicles are idle. The Council is also undertaking projects to improve air quality in Weir Rd and Willow Lane industrial estates. The council has some air quality monitoring stations.

Action: Further information on air quality monitoring stations to be provided

A resident asked if the council's Overview and Scrutiny committee could look at how much is spent on various traffic calming schemes and whether they are good value for money or serve much purpose. There were also concerns over the severity of street tree-pruning within the borough. These suggestions have been fed back to the Scrutiny team for consideration.

Paul McGarry undertook to speak to Highways about a reported water leak on Plough Lane and report to Thames Water.

Action: Paul McGarry

A resident asked if the restoration of an electricity substation at the end of Sunnyside could be sped up. Paul McGarry responded that a conservation officer in the futureMerton team is looking into the matter; however the substation is not a council structure, therefore is not something the council can put money into. Since the meeting, feedback has been received from the futureMerton team stating that it's a decommissioned sub-station of heritage value and is in the Council's ownership. Funding would need to be sought for its restoration.

The hygienic safety of the 'Any bin will do' policy for dog litter was questioned.

Action: Waste team to provide a response

Paul McGarry noted residents' request for a say in any changes made to St Mark's Place and how the place should be used. Councillor David Simpson commented that he has taken up the issue of antisocial behaviour in St Mark's Place with The Alexandra pub.

Date of next meeting:

Wednesday 8 June 2016 at The Mansel Road Centre, Trinity United Reformed Church,
Mansel Road, London SW19 4AA.

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**The Bio-Electromagnetic Research Initiative
(BEMRI) 14th March 2016**

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Smart Metering Risks

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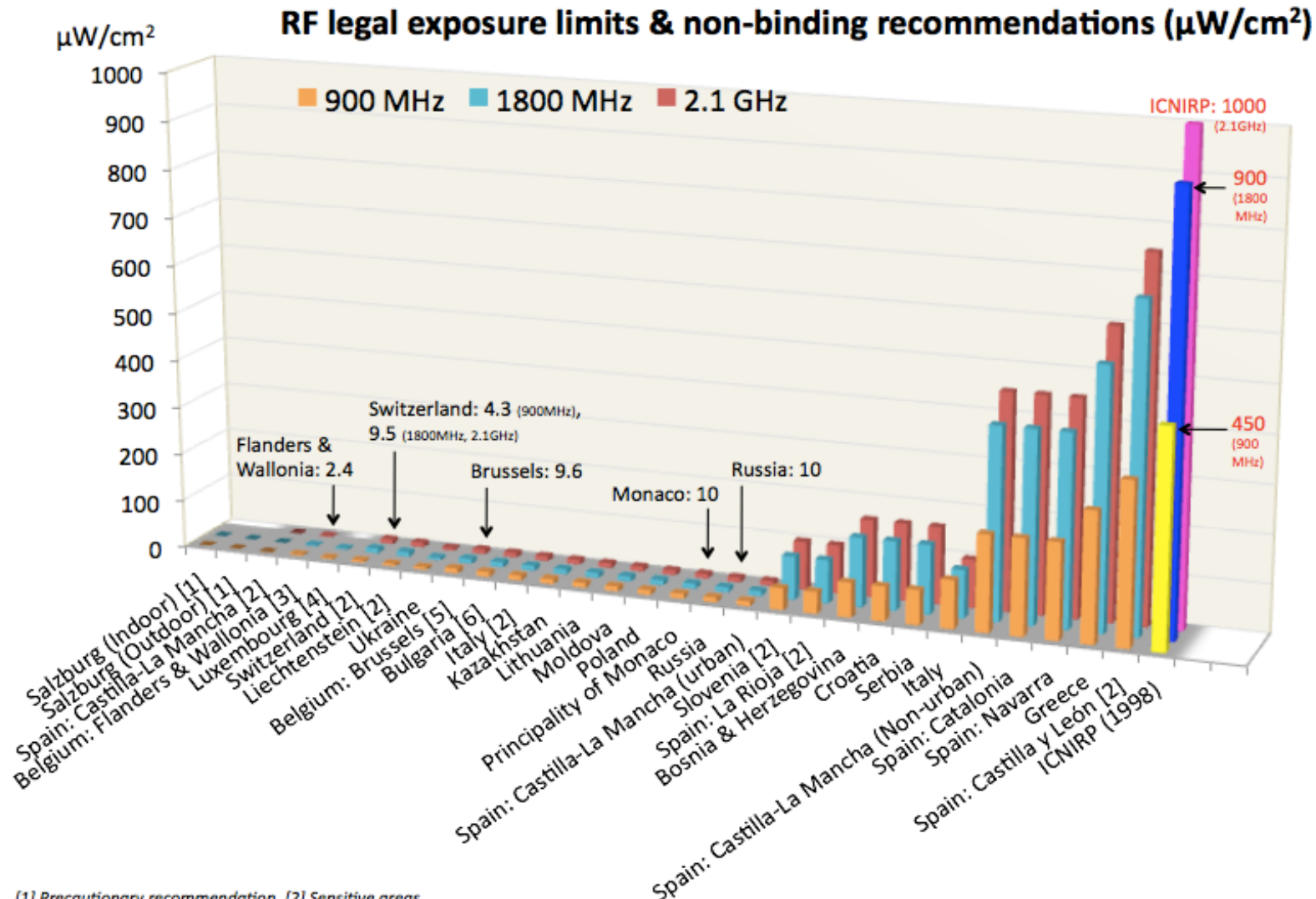
A review of the evidence

Ingrid P. Dickenson

BRCP EMR, Electromagnetic Pollution Consultant

RF Exposure guidelines for UK & elsewhere

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[1] Precautionary recommendation. [2] Sensitive areas.
 [3] Maximum threshold per antennae. [4] Maximum per operator & per antennae system.
 [5] For all antennas taken together. [6] Periodical & short stay areas.

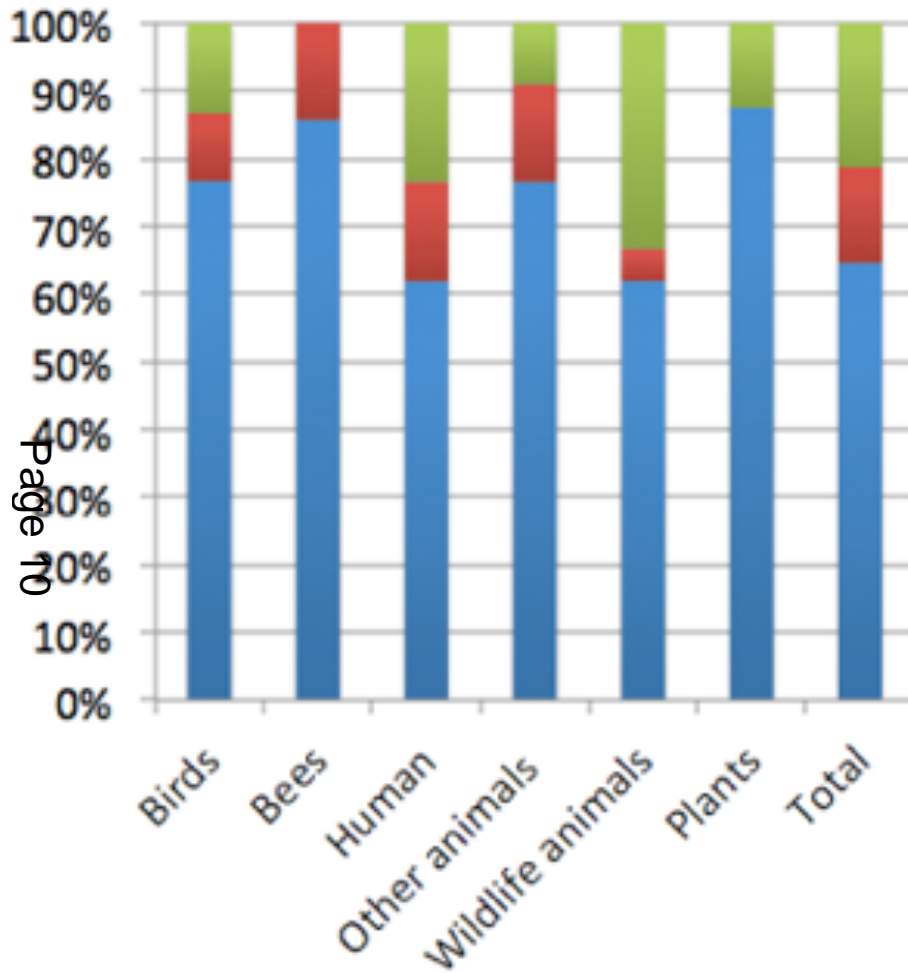
Viewpoints on Guidelines & Exposures

“... the ICNIRP guidelines are neither mandatory prescriptions for safety, the “last word” on the issue nor are they defensive walls for Industry or others,” Professor Paolo Vecchia [ICNIRP Chairman from 2004-2012] (Vecchia 2008).

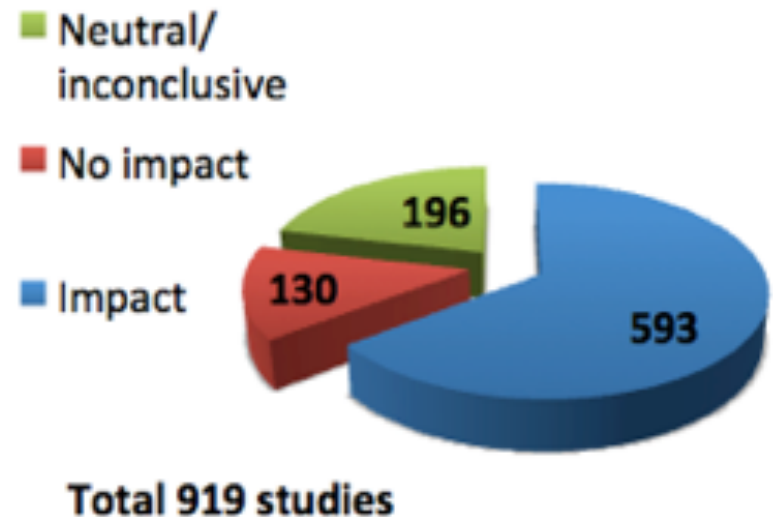
“... children, the elderly, and some chronically ill people might have a lower tolerance for one or more forms of [non-ionising radiation] exposure than the rest of the population,” ICNIRP (2002).

“I want to be very clear. Industry has not said once - once - that ... [RF / microwave radiation is] safe. The federal government and various interagency working groups have said it is safe,” K. Dane Snowden [when Vice President, External & State Affairs of CTIA-The Wireless Association. The CTIA is the International Association for the Wireless Telecommunications Industry] (Safeschool 2010).

What does research on EMF risk show?



Number of studies on EMF impacts collected & collated based on study subjects & results (Rahmani et al. 2011).*



- Cucurachi et al. (2013) reviewed 113 RF EMF studies, around 2/3 documented effects.
- Yakymenko et al. (2015) reviewed 100 studies investigating oxidative effects of low-intensity RF EMF, 93 reported effects – *there are connections between oxidative stress & around 200 human diseases.*

Studies Matrix (Exposures below those creatable by smart meters)

Power Density ($\mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$)	Reported Biological Effects / Comments
0.000,000,000,1	Natural RF background level (Powerwatch 2015).
<0.000,000,001 [130-960 MHz]	Temporary changes in human brain waves & behaviour (Bise 1978).
0.006 - 0.01 [900 MHz band]	Long-term changes in important neurotransmitters observed <i>in humans under real life conditions</i> . <i>“Chronic dysregulation ... is well known to damage human health in the long run,”</i> (Buchner & Eger 2011).
0.0785 [900 MHz]	Significant inhibition of ants’ memories & association between food sites & visual & olfactory cues. Overall state similar to bee colonies with CCD (Cammaerts et al. 2012).
0.01536 and 0.21268 [900 MHz]	Changes in mental state reported in humans exposed to five 50-minute sessions (Augner et al. 2009).
0.0165-0.4400 [Compared to 0.0006-0.0128] [900/1800 MHz]	Difficulties in concentration; feelings of discomfort; sleeping disorders; irritability; depressive tendency; loss of appetite; loss of memory; and headaches (Oberfeld et al. 2004).

Additional peer-reviewed research further documents RF EMF health effects from environmental exposures (BioInitiative Working Group 2012, Cao 2007).

Peer-Reviewed Research on Smart Meters (Lamech 2014).

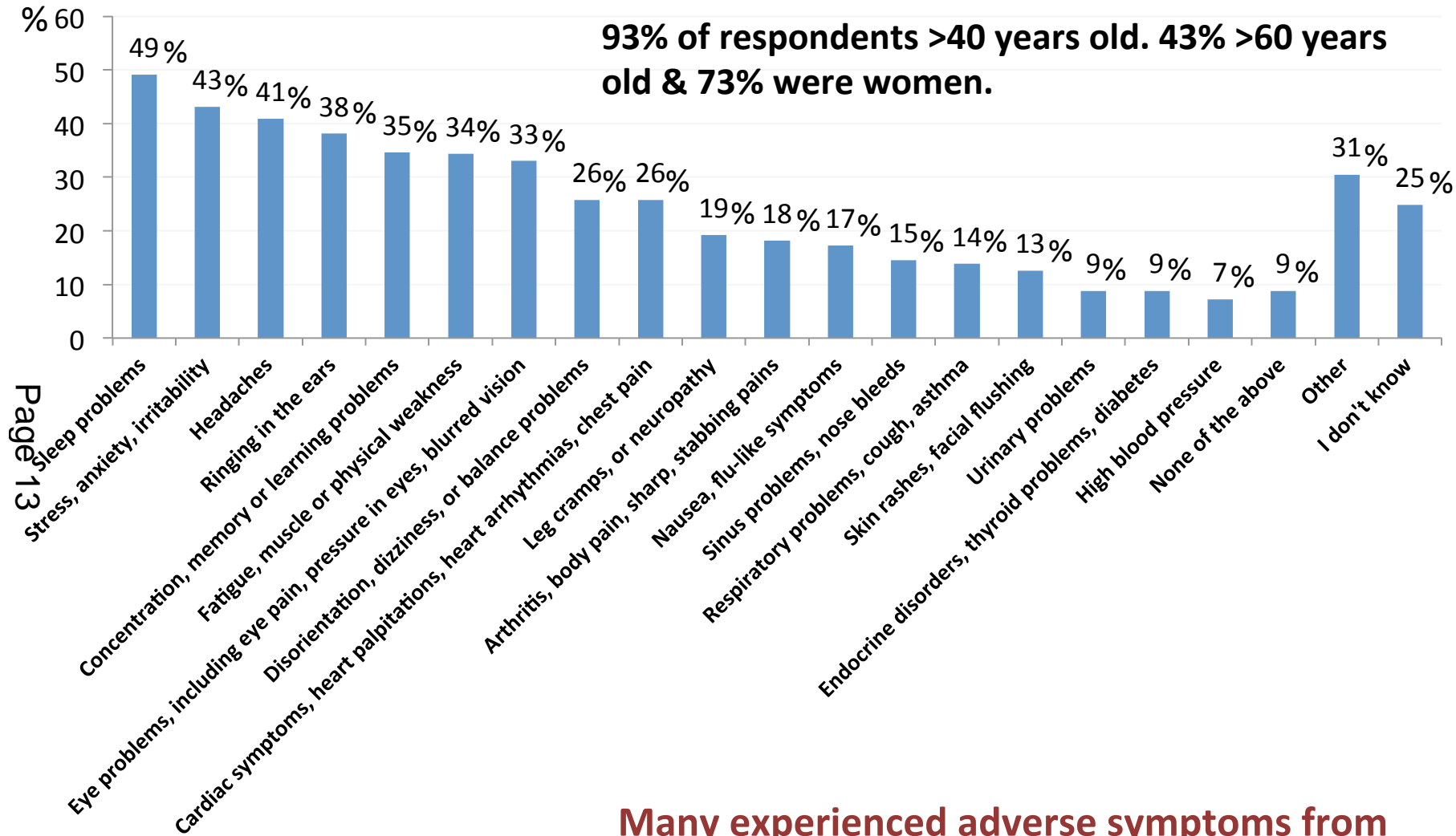
New or Worsened Symptoms Reported after Smart Meter Exposure	
Condition (partial listing)	Detrimental effects reported*
Insomnia , sleep disturbance, or sleep disruption	48%
Headaches , head pain, or dull head	45%
Tinnitus , ringing or buzzing/noises in ears	33%
Lethargy, tiredness, fatigue , exhaustion, or weakness	32%
Cognitive disturbance , inability to concentrate or think, disorientation, or memory loss	30%
Abnormal sensations , including nerve pain, neuropathy, burning sensations, tremors, ...	22%
Dizziness /loss of balance	21%
Heart palpitations	17%

*Percentage of respondents reporting symptoms (n = 92).

Dr Lamech reported: “*smart meters may have unique characteristics that lower people's threshold for symptom development.*”

Online Survey 1 (Halteman 2011)

93% of respondents >40 years old. 43% >60 years old & 73% were women.



Many experienced adverse symptoms from smart metering networks even if they themselves did not have smart meters.

■ Detrimental effects reported (%)

Online Survey 2 (Conrad & Friedman 2013)

New symptoms reported after smart meter exposure - previously never experienced (n = 210)

Symptoms	Severe and New	Moderate and New
Insomnia	66	16
Ringing, buzzing/tinnitus	61	37
Pressure in Head	53	80
Difficulty concentrating	51	48
Headaches	47	33
Heart racing, arrhythmia	47	32
Memory problems	44	29
Agitation	40	35
Dizziness	40	31
Fatigue	37	27
Tingling, burning skin	29	38
Involuntary muscle contractions	28	27
Eye/vision problems	17	38
Numbness	16	23

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*“Nearly 98% of respondents were very sure or fairly sure their new or worsened symptoms correlated to smart meter exposure.” ... “It’s important to reiterate ... **most of our respondents (82%); were in good or excellent health before smart meters were installed and 42% of them developed symptoms prior to any knowledge of the presence of smart meters,**” Conrad & Friedman (2013).*

A Duty to Protect Public Health

- **Between 3-6 % of the public may be EHS** (Jamieson 2014).
- **Such numbers are predicted to grow** (Hallberg & Oberfeld 2006).
- **The health of many individuals are being compromised by smart meter rollouts. This can greatly impact families.** [Note: transmissions from wireless water smart meter infrastructures are similar to those from other wireless smart meter infrastructures].

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The costs of failure to address smart meter risks are immense and hurt all parties.

IF YOU HAVE SMART METERS FITTED YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO HAVE THEM REMOVED (Hansard 2013).

Conclusion – Smart Meter Risks

- Smart meter rollouts often create significant health risks.
- Both EHS and non-EHS individuals can be affected.
- Adverse effects include: depression, headaches and sleep problems.

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There is an urgent need to stop current smart meter rollouts. Better and safer alternatives are available.

INDIVIDUALS ARE ALLOWED TO REFUSE ELECTRIC, GAS AND WATER SMART METERS

(Which? 2016, StopSmartMeters!UK 2014, Hansard 2011).

Notice of Non-Consent for smart meter Installation:

<http://stopsmartmeters.org.uk/dont-smart-meter-me-notice-of-non-consent-for-smart-meter-installation/>

Depression

In England in 2000, the annual cost of depression, in adults alone, was around £9 billion, an increase of £6 billion from a decade earlier [*when wireless proliferation was less*] (Thomas & Morris 2003, Kind & Sorensen (1993).

Heightened risk of medical illness for people with depression

Medical condition	Risk level
Alzheimer's disease	1.71 to 2.67 times the rate for general population
Cancer	1.35 to 1.88 times the rate for general population
Diabetes (type 2)	Depression is an independent risk factor
Epilepsy	4 to 6 times the rate for general population
Obesity	Childhood or adolescent depression is an obesity predictor
Stroke	2.6 times the rate for general population

Higher depressive tendency associated with RF exposures of 0.25-1.29 V/m (0.0165-0.4400 $\mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$) compared to 0.05-0.22 V/m (0.0006-0.0128 $\mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$) ($p = 0.0016$) (Oberfeld et al. 2004).

Headaches

In 2011, annual cost of headaches in the UK was £4.8 billion

(McCrone et al. 2011).

In the UK, some 25 million work- or school-days are lost every year because of migraine alone (WHO 2012).

Headaches are one of the most regularly reported symptoms after smart meter installation (EMF Safety Network 2016, Lamech 2014, Conrad & Friedman 2013, Hatteman 2011).

Significant link ($p < 0.017$) recorded between headaches & exposures to power densities $>0.05 \mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$ (maximum $0.41 \mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$) compared to $\leq 0.01 \mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$ (Hutter et al. 2006).

It is likely headache disorders will significantly increase as a result of smart meter rollouts.

Sleep problems

- **Poor sleep may be a causal factor in: premature ageing, melatonin reduction, cancer, high blood pressure, diabetes, obesity, depression & other mental health problems. It can also tax the immune system** (Ackermann et al. 2012).
- **The annual cost to the UK of chronic sleep deprivation in 2010 was estimated at £1.6 billion** (Bupa 2010).
- **In a 2013 survey of 2,000 UK workers, 30% reported getting less sleep than the year previously.** [It was also reported at that time that 6.25 million sick days had been taken due to lack of sleep, an increase of 2.8 million since 2008] (Travelodge 2013).

Power densities of 0.002-1.0 $\mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$ are associated with sleep disorders (Simonenko et al. 1998, Altpeter et al. 1997, 1995).

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Future Wimbledon Masterplan

Wimbledon Community Forum
14th March 2016

Setting the scene

2013 Future Wimbledon Conference

Got the conversation started

2014 Future Wimbledon Ideas Competition

Got the ideas out there – many from you, the community

2015 Crossrail 2 consultation

Catalyst for change / major opportunity / major headache?

2016 Future Wimbledon Masterplan

The long term plan to manage change & coordinate investment

Setting out our collective ambition

Distilling into deliverable actions and projects



Challenges

Retail competition from Wandsworth Southside & Ram, Putney Exchange, Kingston, Richmond, Croydon Westfield & Battersea Power Station.

Office competition with Chiswick, Richmond and Hammersmith.

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Not enough space, not the right space

Mediocre architecture and design

Promote the reverse-commute



The Objectives

We already know the common themes of Future Wimbledon.
New thinking, new possibilities around...

- Recognise and reflect the eclectic / idiosyncratic nature of Wimbledon
- Reflect the aspirations of the community (existing and new)
- Define and celebrate brand Wimbledon SW19
- Create a greener town centre (both leafy and in the sustainable sense)
- Create solutions to deal with through-traffic
- Create a major new civic space (public realm)
- Create better quality commercial space
- Commercial led mixed-use offer (increasing the floorspace and jobs)
- Finer grain, human scale and activity at street level

Pre-Requisites:

- Create new capacity first
- Protect listed buildings / facades of heritage value

Masterplan

A Master Plan, also called a comprehensive plan or framework, provides a long-term vision for the built environment of a community.

It guides the appropriate use of land and form of development and spaces within an area. Its concerned with how a place functions; not necessarily how it looks.

Along other issues, the Master Plan can identify

- suitable locations for commercial, housing and mixed-use development;
- locations where the town should increase density, promote redevelopment and growth, or intervene in other ways;
- opportunities to extend and/or improve open space, recreational areas, and civic facilities;
- strategies from increasing economic development;
- environmental, historic and cultural resources that need conservation; and
- strategies for solving congestion and improving transport

As a result, the Master Plan has a direct relationship to its citizens, whether you live, work, or own a business in Wimbledon

The FutureWimbledon Plan will;

- Be a vision and action plan
- Illustrate our ambition
- Guide investment decisions between 2015-2030
- Provide planning certainty for the market and land owners
- Promote growth and positive change
- Act as a lobbying document for Wimbledon
- Be the key instrument for our communities to co-design our town centre

Masterplan: Delivery

Statutory Document – Policy (LBM)

Landowners forum

Development Management (LBM)

Community Infrastructure Levy (LBM)


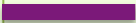







Inward investment (LBM)

Partnerships across GLA / TfL

Clearly defined actions and timescales for all parties.



How, Who, When?




	Who	Q1 2016 Jan-Mar	Q2 2016 Apr-Jun	Q3 2016 Jul-Sept	Q4 2016 Oct-Dec	2017	2018 >
M'plan Brief	LBM						
M'plan commissioned	LBM						
Design Workshops	Design Team & LBM						
Community Participation	Design Team						
LBM Adopt Plan	LBM						
CR2 Build	TFL						

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Merton Council's Brighter Business scheme is offering local businesses expert energy efficiency advice and support to help reduce their running costs and environmental impact.

What's available?

-  Fully funded energy efficiency surveys
-  Grant funding towards 50% of the costs of energy efficiency improvements*
 - Up to £2,500 for premises up to 250 m²
 - Up to £5,000 for premises of more than 250m²
-  Access to a council appointed installer who will fit the measures for you, or the option to use your own installer.

*Subject to availability

Are you eligible?

- ✓ Are you a business, charity or social enterprise based in Merton?
- ✓ Do you employ fewer than 250 members of staff?
- ✓ Do you have an annual turnover of less than £40 million?
- ✓ Own at least 75% of your business?



Heating and hot water can account for as much as **60%** of total energy costs

How do I apply?

merton.gov.uk/what-businesses-can-do

For further information contact:
future.merton@merton.gov.uk
020 8274 4901

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Meet a Brighter Business

Coffee in the Wood in Colliers Wood High Street is already saving money from making some small changes.

Opening its doors for the first time in 2013, this family run café is managed by daughter Sophie Godding. It operates with nine part-time staff out of their premises. The whole family are passionate about the environment as well as improving their business performance, saving money and ensuring their premises uses as little energy as possible.

Here's what they now do

- ✓ Use energy efficient white goods and equipment. The latest purchase is an energy efficient coffee machine.
- ✓ Install water-saving devices* such as tap aerators and toilet flush devices and a water efficient industrial dishwasher.
- ✓ Recycle to minimise waste to landfill. The waste coffee grounds are used in local gardens and allotments.

*available free from Thames Water

What were the results?



Saving energy: Reducing lighting consumption saved around **£500 per year**.



Saving money: Running a hybrid vehicle saved over **£1000 a year** in fuel costs.

Uniqueness: setting us apart from our competitors.



Energy efficient lighting measures could reduce costs by

30-60%

If you would like to be a Brighter Business then get in touch with Merton Council using the contact details on the reverse side.