

# Raynes Park Community Forum

## Agenda

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| 1 | Welcome and Introductions | 1 -<br>26 |
| 2 | Open forum                |           |
| 3 | Date of next meeting      |           |

**Date:** Thursday 1 October 2015

**Time:** 7.15 pm

**Venue:**

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## Raynes Park Community Forum Thursday 1 October 2015 Chair's Report

The meeting was held in Raynes Park Library Hall, and chaired by Councillor Michael Bull. Approximately 35 residents attended, as well as six other Merton Councillors, and officers from the council. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **Update from LB Merton**

Councillors Stephen Alambritis, Leader of the council told residents that devolution is being explored, which would allow local authorities more autonomy and control over matters such as business rates. The London Borough of Merton has joined with Kingston, Sutton, Richmond and Croydon to form the South London Partnership and has set up a joint committee which would allow the five boroughs to run things themselves, e.g. bus lanes and routes, skills and jobs, and housing. In spring the partnership will seek greater powers from Central Government.

The council is also sharing services in order to decrease costs to council tax payers, including legal services and Human Resources.

A new pool for Morden Park is expected by January 2018.

Two new libraries are going to be built in the borough in West Barnes and Colliers Wood, at no cost to the taxpayer as they will be provided by developers who are building new flats.

The regeneration of Morden and Mitcham is proposed.

Residents were encouraged to vote for Raynes Park in the Great British High Street Awards, where it has been shortlisted as a finalist in the London category <http://thegreatbritishhighstreet.co.uk/finalist-london>.

Councillor Alambritis agreed to look into the matter of dog control in the borough and the outcome of the council's consultation on it.

### **Crossrail 2 – What does it mean for Raynes Park?**

Stuart Bugg and Kate Neill-Sneller from Network Rail gave a presentation on how Crossrail 2 might affect Raynes Park. The presentation can be viewed at [http://www.merton.gov.uk/raynes\\_park\\_community\\_forum\\_crossrail\\_2\\_presentation\\_1\\_october.pdf](http://www.merton.gov.uk/raynes_park_community_forum_crossrail_2_presentation_1_october.pdf).

Residents voiced concern over whether houses would be demolished as part of the process, to allow for widening the railway track. Network Rail do not yet know if any houses will be demolished or which, but the priority would be to avoid residential property. They are working with the Department for Transport (DfT) to agree which land should be safeguarded, but this is a lengthy process and the decision lies with the DfT. There is a statutory process for anyone who feels they cannot sell their home or business because of safeguarding.

Crossrail 2 cannot be built before Network Rail and TfL have formal consent from the Government, the funds to pay for it and the necessary land has been acquired. The process of applying for consent will involve a public examination of the scheme and consideration of objections before any decision can be made.

Network Rail and South West Trains are working to ensure that existing infrastructure continues to function and be maintained, including maintaining Raynes Park station.

Network Rail said it would welcome the opportunity to talk with the developers of the Rainbow Estate. When the application for the estate was submitted, Network Rail did not know if they would need the land, and since it is unclear if Crossrail 2 will definitely happen, other developments cannot be stopped in the meantime.

A station at St George's Hospital is not in the plan, but residents are welcome to raise it as a suggestion during the consultation. Raynes Park is currently included in the base scheme but, as Crossrail 2 is at the early stages of development and has not been funded by the Government, this may be subject to change.

Residents can find out more at [www.crossrail2.co.uk](http://www.crossrail2.co.uk), where they can also be added to a mailing list for up-to-date information on the consultation.

### **Proposed Bushey Road Development**

Stewart Underwood, from developers Shearer Property Group, presented on the proposals for Bushey Road. The presentation can be viewed at [http://www.merton.gov.uk/rp\\_forum\\_bushey\\_road\\_presentation.pdf](http://www.merton.gov.uk/rp_forum_bushey_road_presentation.pdf).

The scheme represents a £20m investment in a key gateway site, replacing unsightly buildings that have been derelict for several years and creating jobs for 500 people.

The overwhelming response to the consultation has been extremely positive: with 74% of responses in support, and only 8% saying they do not support the proposals. Traffic was mentioned in around 20% of consultation responses. Shearer Property Group has appointed transport experts as part of its submission to look at the matter.

The proposals incorporate a principal vehicle access point, in the same place as the existing site access. Customers will also be able to access the retail park via the neighbouring Next Home & Fashion store, which already has planning permission. No additional access points onto Bushey Road are being proposed.

To help mitigate against an increase in traffic, the scheme incorporates and builds upon the local junction improvements proposed as part of the Next store development. The project team is working closely with LB Merton and TfL to ensure that the access arrangements are suitable.

The site will also benefit from improved pedestrian links, including a new surface level pedestrian crossing on Bushey Road.

A travel plan will be agreed with Merton Council as part of the application; there are currently three bus stops near the site to allow for access by public transport.

## **Healthwatch Merton – Introduction and Update**

Jade Fairfax introduced herself as the new Information and Outreach officer for Healthwatch Merton, which is an independent consumer champion for health and social care issues.

Over the past few months Healthwatch has worked on a number of projects:

- GP access – consultation was carried out to obtain people's views on accessing GPs. A report was subsequently sent to Merton's Clinical Commissioning Group, recommending training for frontline staff, which is now being carried out.
- Healthy High Street, Mitcham – Healthwatch spoke to residents in Mitcham about possible restrictions to fast food, alcohol and betting shops in the town centre. A report has been written on this, the outcome of which is awaited.
- CAMHS – 7-17 year-olds and parents have been spoken to as part of a review of CAMHS, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services.
- General outreach work has been done with the homeless, primary schools and local communities, and Healthwatch is also working on an Urgent Care event to get views on what works well. This will feed into the Clinical Commissioning Group's review of urgent care.

## **Current and anticipated planning applications**

The council has resolved to grant planning permission to the Rainbow, which the developers have three years to implement; however the plan is now with the Mayor of London for consideration and he may call it in.

Travelodge works are ongoing but no opening date has been announced yet.

The proposed new cycle route between New Malden, Raynes Park and Wimbledon is a Kingston Council project and it is unclear if a planning application would be required for Merton. Should one be required, residents would be able to give comments to Merton Council as it would consult the public on the application. An ecology and safety workshop for residents is taking place at the end of October; it is hoped Kingston will carry out consultation with the public in January 2016. Residents are able to object about the plans to Kingston Council.

## **Open Forum**

Residents are encouraged to vote for Raynes Park in the Great British High Street Awards <http://thegreatbritishhighstreet.co.uk/finalist-london>.

**Dates of future meetings** all at 7.15pm, in the Library Hall:

Tuesday 1 December 2015

Thursday 3 March 2016

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# Crossrail 2 Raynes Park Community Forum

1 October 2015

MAYOR OF LONDON



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# Crossrail 2 – Background

**New railway which will run on existing and widened railway lines outside of the central core and from a 37 km twin bore running tunnel**

- Cost: around £27bn
- Provides additional rail capacity for 270,000 people to travel into central London, per 3 hour peak
- Up to 30 trains per hour in each direction
- Support economic growth and regeneration
- Unlock 130,000- 200,000 new homes
- Support up to 200,000 new jobs

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# Timeline

**Now – late 2015**

Scheme design and appraisal

**Autumn 2015**

Government Spending Review

**Late 2015**

Public consultation

**May 2016**

Mayoral Election

**2016/17**

Further scheme development work including additional rounds of consultation



**Dec 2016**

Autumn Statement

**2017 - 20**

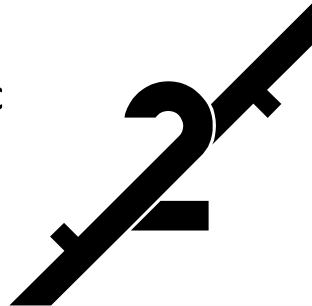
Submission for Powers

**2020 - 29**

Construct and test

**2030**

Open to the public



# Previous consultations

## May to Aug 2013 – Metro vs Regional Scheme

- Overall the Regional option is more popular than the Metro option with 84% of \*respondents supporting or strongly supporting the scheme, compared to 73% for the Metro option

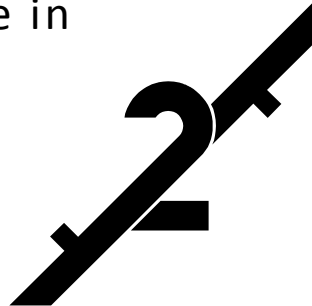
## June to July 2014 – Additional Route options

- 83% of over 5,000 respondents 'strongly support' or 'support' the overall scheme

## Dec 2014 to Jan 2015 – Safeguarding

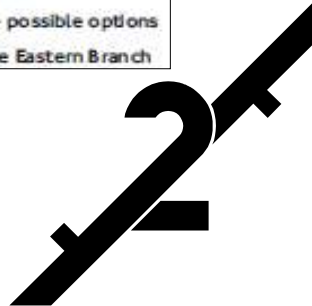
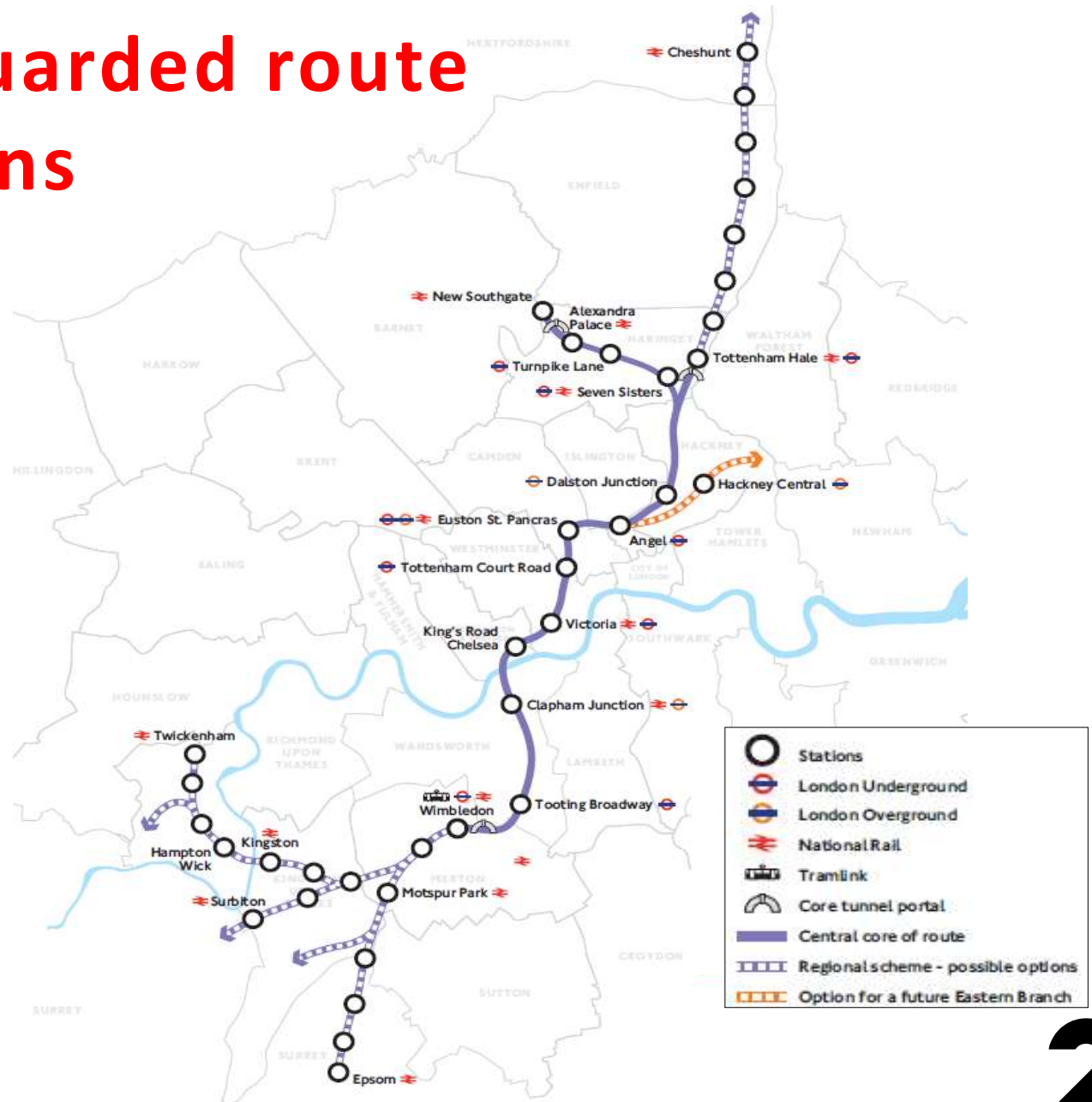
- Identified areas of subsurface interest – approx 100 metres wide corridor
- Identified areas of surface interest for station entrances, tunnel portals, workspaces, and vent shafts
- Updated safeguarding plans was approved by Secretary of State in March 2015

\*Total of over 13,500 responses to the consultation

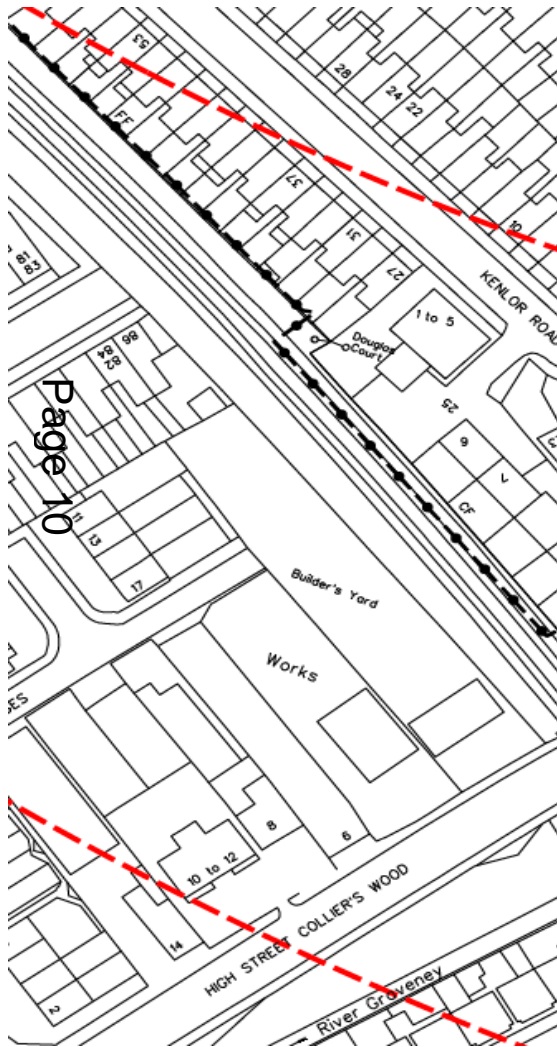


# The safeguarded route and stations

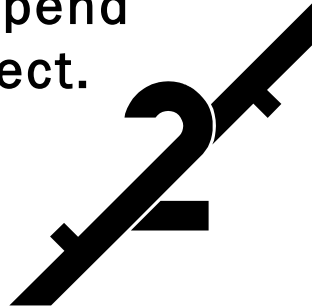
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# What does safeguarding mean?

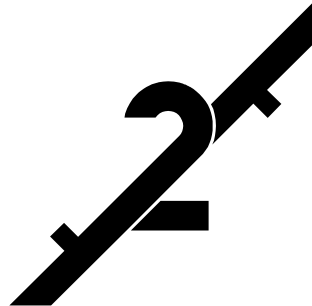


- Planning authorities will need to consult TfL on applications within the limits identified- it does not prevent development taking place.
- We still cannot guarantee that a railway will be built
- The maximum boundaries of the land required will be decided when we are given powers to acquire property and construct the project.
- As the project develops, the land required may be different to the land we have safeguarded and will depend upon the final design of the project.



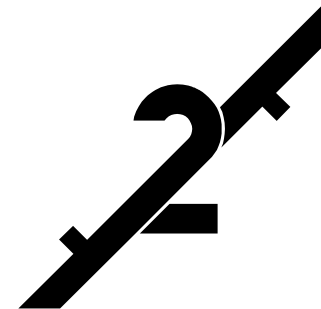
# Crossrail 2 in Merton

- Proposed Crossrail 2 stations at Wimbledon, Raynes Park and Motspur Park
- Up to 30 trains per hour into Wimbledon from central London
- Up to 20 trains per hour to/from locations beyond Wimbledon on the SW suburban network.
- Will require a number of worksites in and around the existing stations, although these are yet to be fully defined



# Benefits of CR2 to Raynes Park

| Journey                                  | Journey time today | Journey time with Crossrail 2 |
|--|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| Between Raynes Park and Alexandra Palace | 55-60 minutes      | 35-45 minutes                 |
| Between Raynes Park and Stansted Airport | 85-95 minutes      | 70-80 minutes                 |
| Between Raynes Park Tottenham Court Road | 35-45 minutes      | 20-25 minutes                 |
| Between Raynes Park and Euston           | 35-45 minutes      | 20-25 minutes                 |
| Between Raynes Park and Dalston Junction | 55-65 minutes      | 25-35 minutes                 |



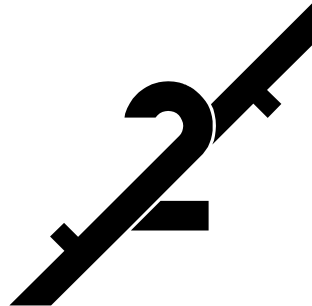
# Benefits Continued...

Demand for National Rail services into Waterloo is forecast to increase by 40% between now and 2043.

Crowding on network is already severe. This forecast indicates that crowding will nearly double.



**Crossrail 2 will increase capacity on the South West Main Line, and help free up space for more frequent longer-distance services into London**



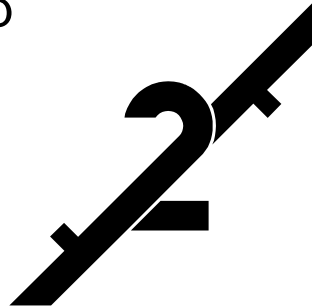
# Crossrail 2 Stations at Raynes Park and Motspur Park

- Raynes Park will become a major interchange station with up to 20 Crossrail 2 trains per hour into, and across, central London.

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Motspur Park could benefit from at least 8 Crossrail 2 trains an hour, in each direction

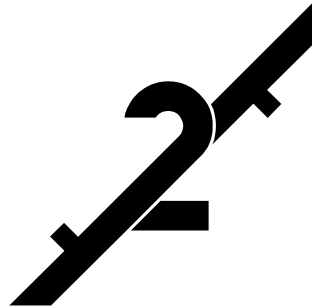
- Both stations will benefit from increased frequency of trains into central London
- All stations on the route be fully accessible with step free access between street and platforms





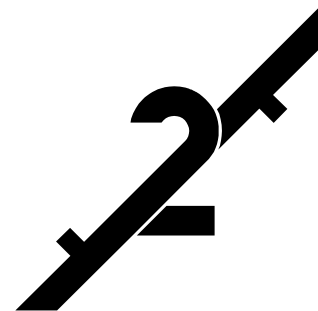
# What it means locally

- Construction of new tracks south west of Wimbledon to New Malden to increase capacity
- Remodelling of Raynes Park and New Malden stations to accommodate Crossrail 2 services, including:
  - Installing additional platforms
  - Changes to existing platforms
  - Changes to signalling



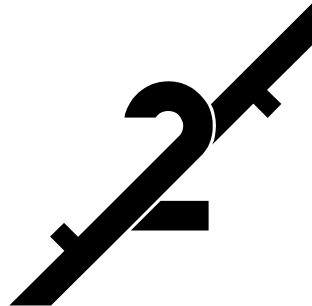
# Level Crossings

- Improved service frequency will increase Level Crossing barrier down time.
- Removing crossings would increase safety and improve local road connectivity.
- Alternatives being considered at:
  - Motspur Park
  - West Barnes Lane
- Network Rail will work closely with local authorities and the community to find an appropriate resolution for each crossing



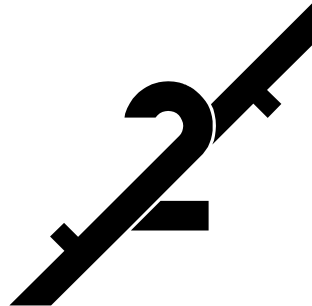
# Local engagement programme

- On-going discussions with Borough Council Officers to discuss local area plans and identify opportunities to work together
- **Community Engagement Panels along the route**
  - To provide a forum to discuss and understand local issues and concerns arising from the Crossrail 2 project
  - To help shape and inform the Crossrail 2 proposals in the local area as part of our on-going commitment to community engagement as the scheme develops.

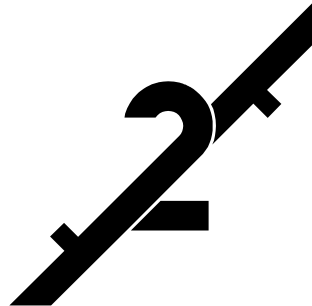


# Next Public Consultation

- **Provide the public more detail about our preferred route along with high-level information about**
  - station locations
  - vent shaft locations
  - proposed worksites across the tunnelled sections
- **Confirmation of where CR2 is serving both above and below ground and how that will improve connectivity and train services**
- **Illustrate the benefits a Crossrail 2 station would bring to the local area**
- **Will include drop in sessions in Merton at or near each of the proposed stations**



# Questions?



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PROPOSALS FOR A NEW RETAIL PARK

80-86 Bushey Road, Raynes Park



# The current site

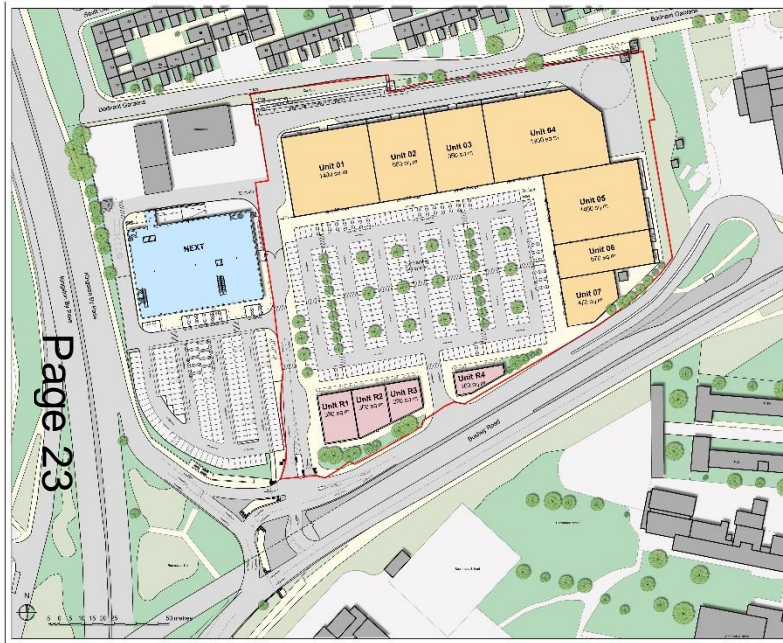


- Gateway site: next to the A3
- Most buildings have been vacant for over four years
- Pets at Home will be relocated into one of the new units
- Work on neighbouring Next Home & Fashion store to start this month





# Proposals



**7** retail units, for a range of large format national retailers

**4** café/restaurant units

**340** parking spaces

Secure and covered cycle parking

# Local benefits

- Jobs for **500** people
- **Seven-fold** increase on current employment at the site
- Career opportunities with household name retailers
- Up to **165** construction jobs
- **£630k** uplift in revenue from business rates
- Boost to local supply chains

- ✓ **Greater shopping choice**
- ✓ **Removal of derelict buildings**
- ✓ **Quality, sustainable new stores**
- ✓ **High quality landscaping**

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# Next steps

- 63 people attended the public exhibitions in July
- 74% of consultation responses **in favour** (19% unsure, 8% opposed)
- Planning application to be submitted in the coming weeks
- Merton Council will carry out their statutory consultation
- Decision on planning permission in early 2016

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# Tell us what you think...

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