

WIMBLEDON COMMUNITY FORUM
16 JUNE 2021

(7.15 pm - 8.15 pm)

PRESENT Councillors (in the Chair), Councillor Daniel Holden

1 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS (Agenda Item 1)

The meeting was held via Zoom, and chaired by Councillor Daniel Holden in the absence of Councillor James Holmes. Five residents and six councillors attended on Zoom with 55 additional views on YouTube. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained how the meeting would work.

2 PLAN WIMBLEDON UPDATE (Agenda Item 2)

Suzanne Grocott gave a presentation on Plan Wimbledon's progress towards developing a Wimbledon Neighbourhood Plan, which is attached to this report. PlanWimbledon is a community group that has been running for 18 months and aims to create a better, more sustainable Wimbledon through the development of a neighbourhood plan. The group held a general meeting on 15 June.

Future Merton held a public consultation in April and May on whether PlanWimbledon should be designated as a Neighbourhood Forum for the purpose of developing a Neighbourhood plan the proposed area of Wimbledon. There were c1300 responses to the consultation with 90% supporting the proposed area and the application to become a Forum. Most respondents were local residents.

The key issues raised by Merton Council following the consultation included:

- A lack of responses from Wimbledon town centre businesses and employees
- No responses from Plough Lane retail park or Weir Road industrial estate

Since the consultation concluded PlanWimbledon has been in negotiation with Merton Council to address some of these issues. The Council is due to decide on PlanWimbledon's application at the [Cabinet meeting on 22 June](#).

3 YOUR MERTON (Agenda Item 3)

Kris Witherington, Merton Council, gave a presentation on the Your Merton engagement programme, and the presentation is attached to this report. The aim is to build a detailed understanding of resident & community priorities in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic. By seeking views from all parts of our community we aim is to

create a comprehensive, professional engagement that provides genuine insight from residents, communities, service users and hard-to-reach groups. This will provide an updated set of insight showing changes to previous perceptions and future priorities which will support the development of future corporate plan for the borough. The programme asks about places that are important, your daily life, the impact of the pandemic, and your ambitions for the future. We have conducted a large scale telephone survey, have developed an [interactive website](#) and will be working with community groups to hold targeted focus groups. Residents are encouraged to complete the website by going to www.merton.gov.uk/yourmerton by 7 July and to share this with their friends, family and local networks.

A resident asked if the telephone survey was the same as the regular Residents Survey. Kris explained that survey covered both regular questions and specific questions for the Your Merton programme.

4 OPEN FORUM (Agenda Item 4)

2023 Boundary Commission Review:

The Boundary Commission for England is consulting on proposed revisions to the parliamentary boundaries for 2023. For the Wimbledon constituency the major changes are Cannon Hill ward moving to Mitcham and Morden while two wards from Kingston, St James and Old Malden, will join the constituency. To comment on the proposals please go to <https://www.bcereviews.org.uk/> by 2 August

A resident asked about the overflowing bins in Dundonald Rec. Cllr Fairclough said that the contract team had found the bins were not being emptied frequently enough. The Green Spaces team had provided response which was:
Dundonald Park has experienced an increase in usage in-line with the recent improvement in weather conditions. Our greenspace service have increased their frequency of attendance at Dundonald Park to ensure that bins are managed more tightly during this time of increased usage. If there are bin lids missing this will be reported to our service delivery partners, idverde for action. The Coffee stall has a bin for users and there are other bins in the park

Haydon Park North traffic management was raised at the last community forum meeting. Highways Team and responded with:
We received funding via a bid process to introduce a Low Traffic Neighbourhood in Haydon Park North area and following an informal consultation the majority of the residents rejected the scheme. There are no further plans for this area and additionally, we do not have access to further funding at this time.

David Hall Chair of Wimblecomm said that Wimbledon Community Association would be celebrating 75 years this year. They are working on capturing the history of the organisation and hope to either have an event or other way of highlighting the work of the group. Information on their plans will be available from their website at <https://wimbledoncommunity.org/>

Cllr Gretton asked if bins had been taken out of Haydon Road Station and that residents have been reporting that their recycling wheelie bins showing cracks and lots need replacing.

A resident asked about the 'Parklet' being installed in the Wimbledon Village High Street. Details of the parklet and the consultation on the Experimental Traffic Order can be found on the [Council website](#).

A resident asked about school streets. Kris explained that the Experiment Traffic Orders for 28 school streets had begun in September but due to lockdown closures the consultations for all of the sites had been extended until 31 July. These can be found on the [Council website](#).

5 DATE OF NEXT MEETING (Agenda Item 5)

Councillor Holden thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

Future meetings:

7.15pm Wednesday 22 September 2021

7.15pm Wednesday 1 December 2021

7.15pm Wednesday 23 March 2022

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Wimbledon Community Forum: 16 June 2021



Minute Item 2

Agenda

1. Group Status
2. The Consultation Process
3. Future Action

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PlanWimbledon: Our Mission

‘to shape a better, more sustainable Wimbledon to enhance the lives of future generations of residents, businesses, workers and visitors.’

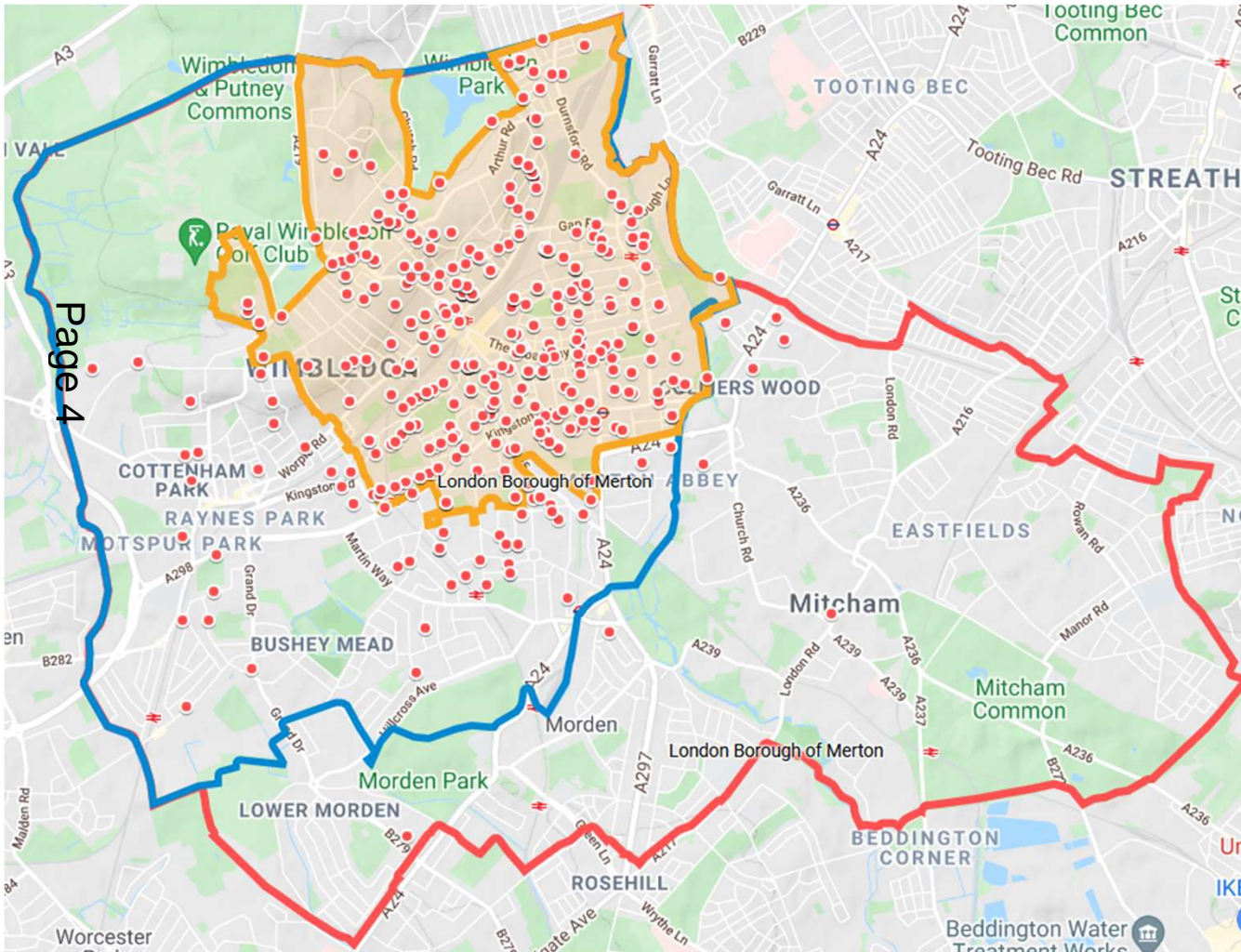
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PlanWimbledon Area



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About PlanWimbledon

- As legislated by the Locality Act of 2011
- PlanWimbledon is a not-for-profit and non-partisan organisation representing local stakeholders whether that be businesses, residents, faith groups, education, arts, etc.
- Centred on a wide and growing membership – currently c. 600 actual members (associations and individual businesses and residents) representing several thousands of people.
- This is a community project. The Steering Committee consists of local professionals donating their time and committed to delivering a better future for Wimbledon.
- At this stage we do not receive any public funding.
- Underpinned with advice from AECOM



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The Journey to a Neighbourhood Plan

- **Jan 2020:** Inauguration as a group.
- **Jan 2020 onwards:** Extensive consultation with community
- **Feb 2021:** Application to Merton Council to be designated as a forum and an area.
- **12th April - 23rd May 2021:** Public consultation.
- **Jun 2021:** Extensive post consultation discussions with Future Merton
- **July 2021:** Full Council decides designation.

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Results of Consultation

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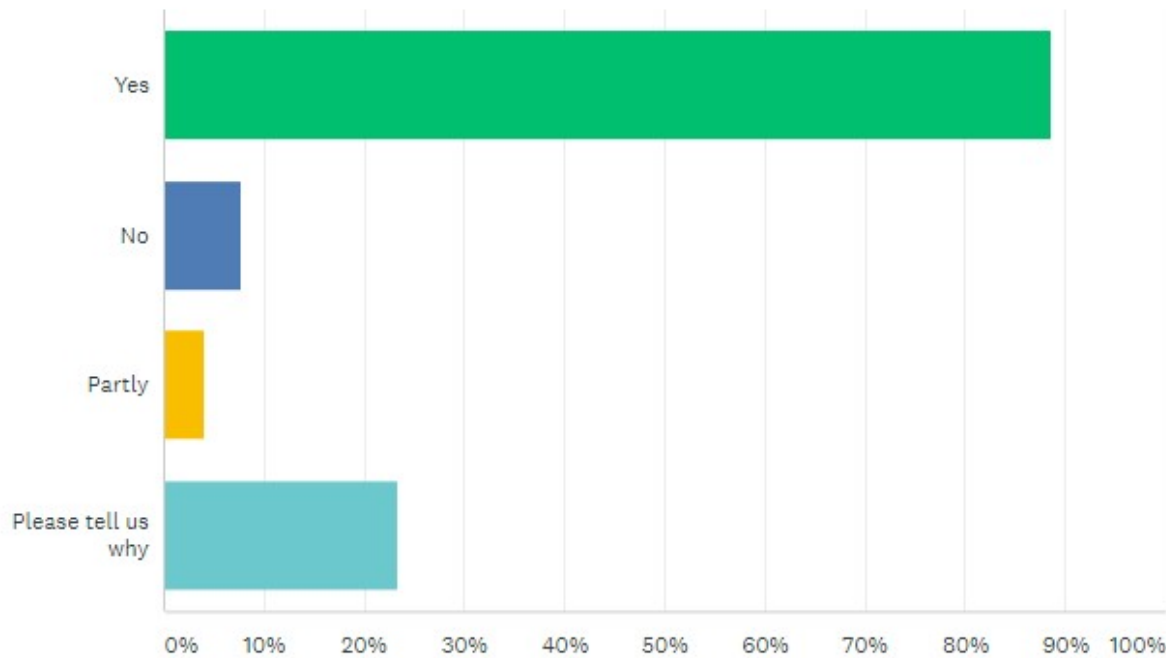
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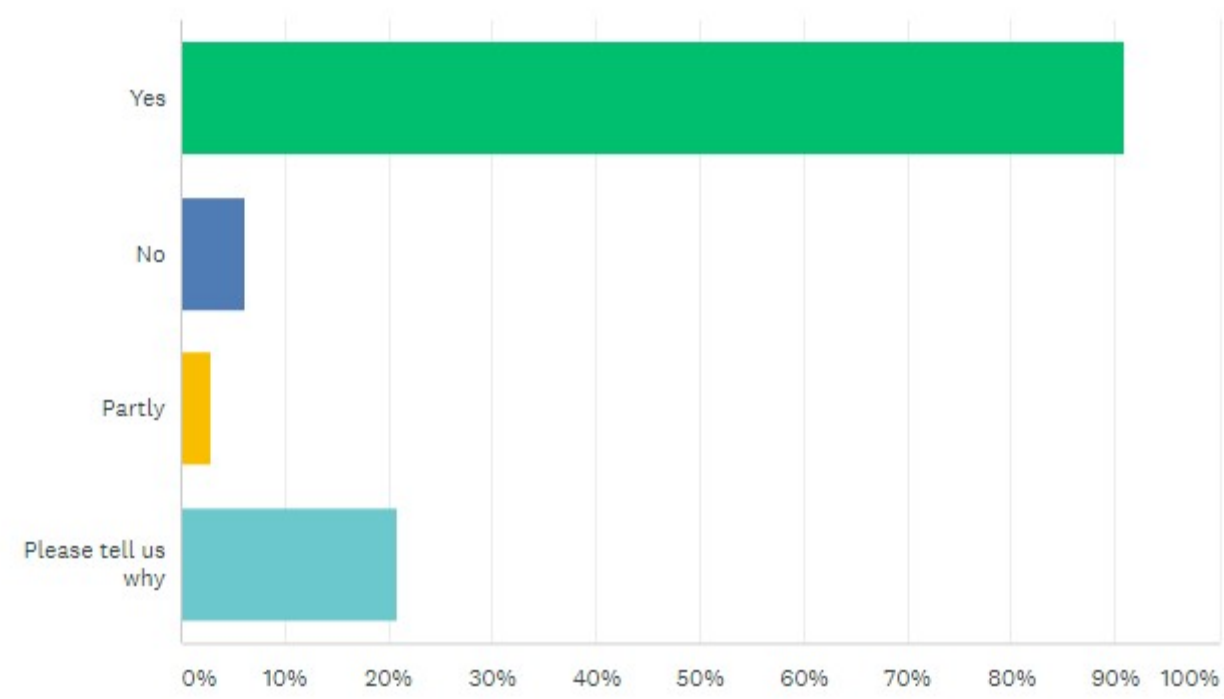
Do you support PlanWimbledon's application to become a neighbourhood forum?



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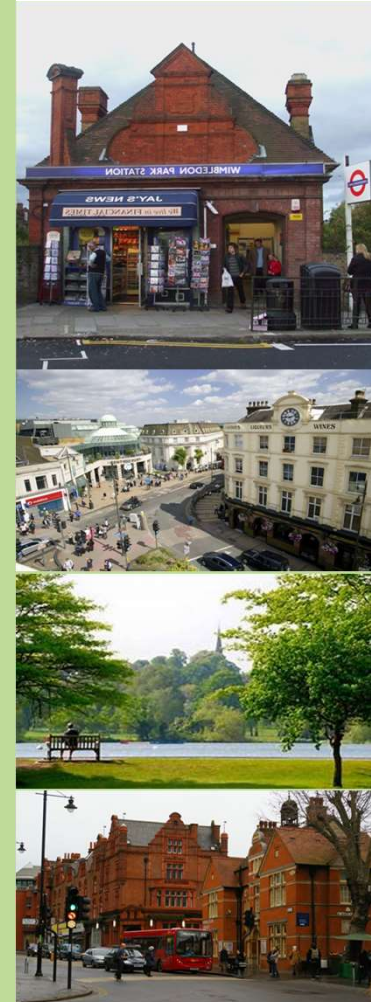
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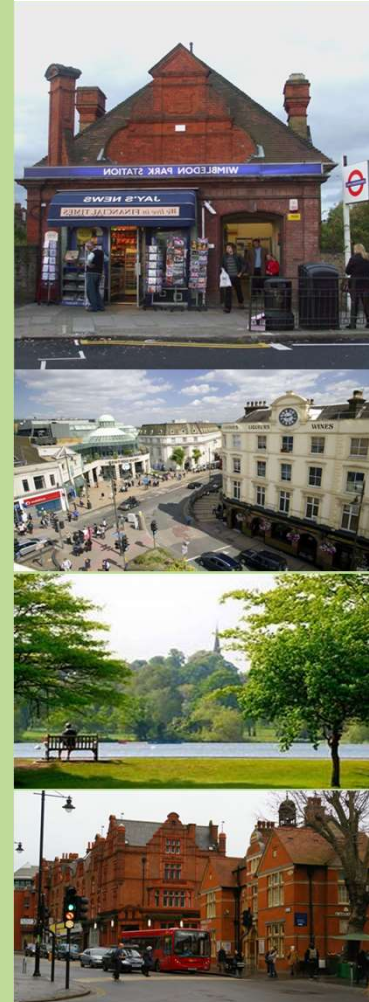
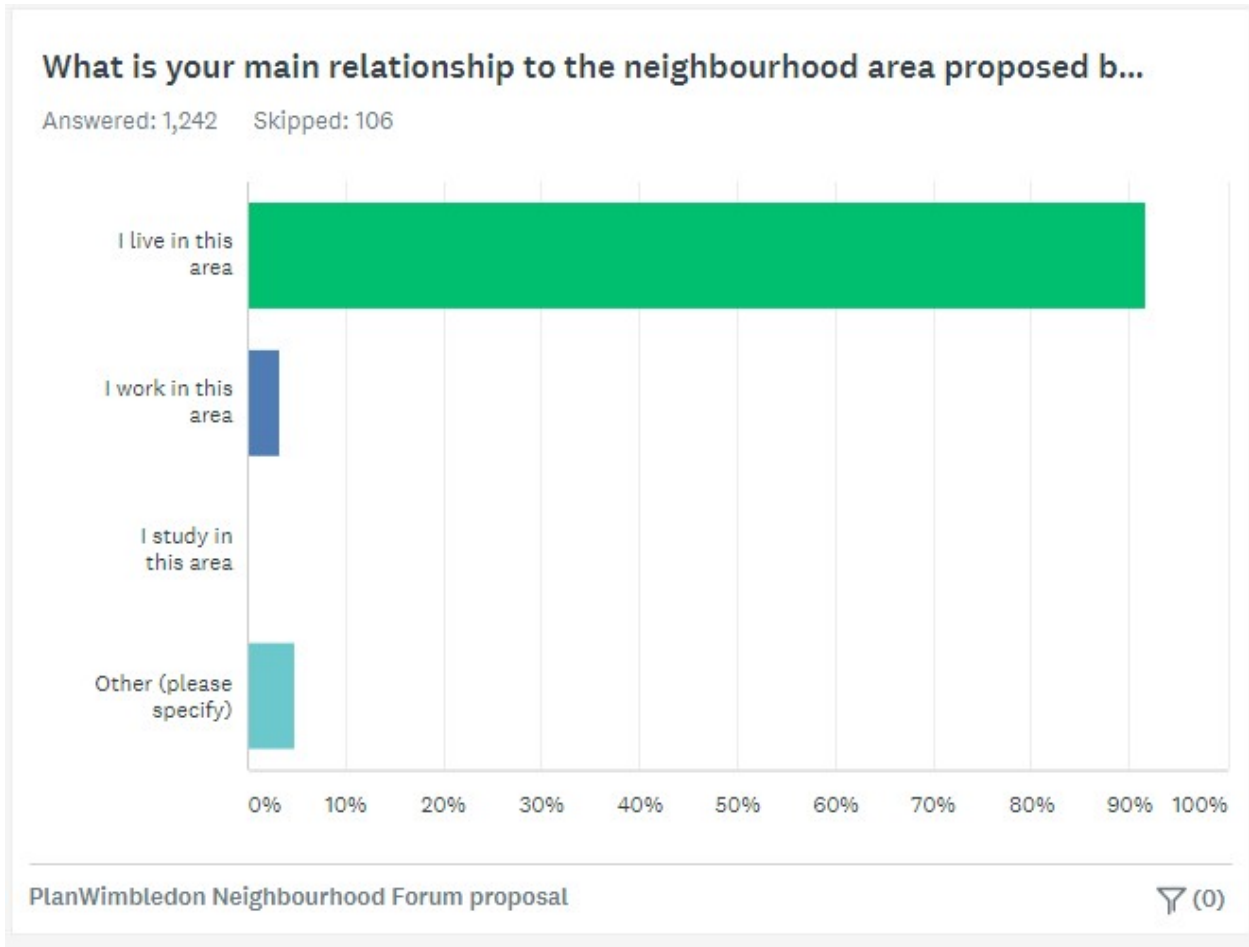
PlanWimbledon Neighbourhood Forum proposal

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What is your main relationship to the neighbourhood plan proposed by PlanWimbledon?

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Key Issues

1. The overall size of the area

2. Specific issues with:

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- Wimbledon Town Centre
 - Plough Lane Retail Park / Weir Road Industrial Site
 - Merton Park boundary
 - North-West Wimbledon
 - High Path Area

3. Concerns about the democratic nature of PlanWimbledon



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Current Status

Awaiting recommendations from Future Merton

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Tell us where in Merton
is important to you



Your Merton

Engaging our community in
post-pandemic priorities

Minute Item 3



Outline

- What is Your Merton?
- Objectives & themes
- How we are engaging people
- Online engagement platform
- What can you do?

What is Your Merton?



- Our biggest-ever engagement with residents, with more opportunities to give us their views than ever before
- Aimed at everyone who lives, works, travels to or studies in the borough
- Delivered through multiple channels to ensure we can get views from as many people as possible

Objectives

1. Build a **detailed understanding of resident & community priorities in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic** – including changes to their local service priorities around key issues such as transport, health & the environment
2. Seek views from **all parts of our community** – creating a comprehensive, professional engagement that provides genuine insight from residents, communities, service users & hard-to-reach groups
3. Provide an updated **set of insight** showing changes to previous perceptions & future priorities
4. Support the development of future **corporate plan for the borough**

Key themes

1. Places

What are the places our respondents love, and why? What places do they think need improvement, and how?

2. Day to day life

What are the things that impact your daily quality of life the most; what is life like in your community and what influences it?

3. The impact of the pandemic

How has the pandemic impacted your life, and what could be the impact of that on how you use local services & facilities?

4. Ambitions for the future

What are your hopes for the future of the area you live in?

How we are engaging people

1. 2021 Resident Survey (completed)

- 1,100 sample
- Conducted by telephone
- Demographically representative

2. Community group conversations & focus groups (live)

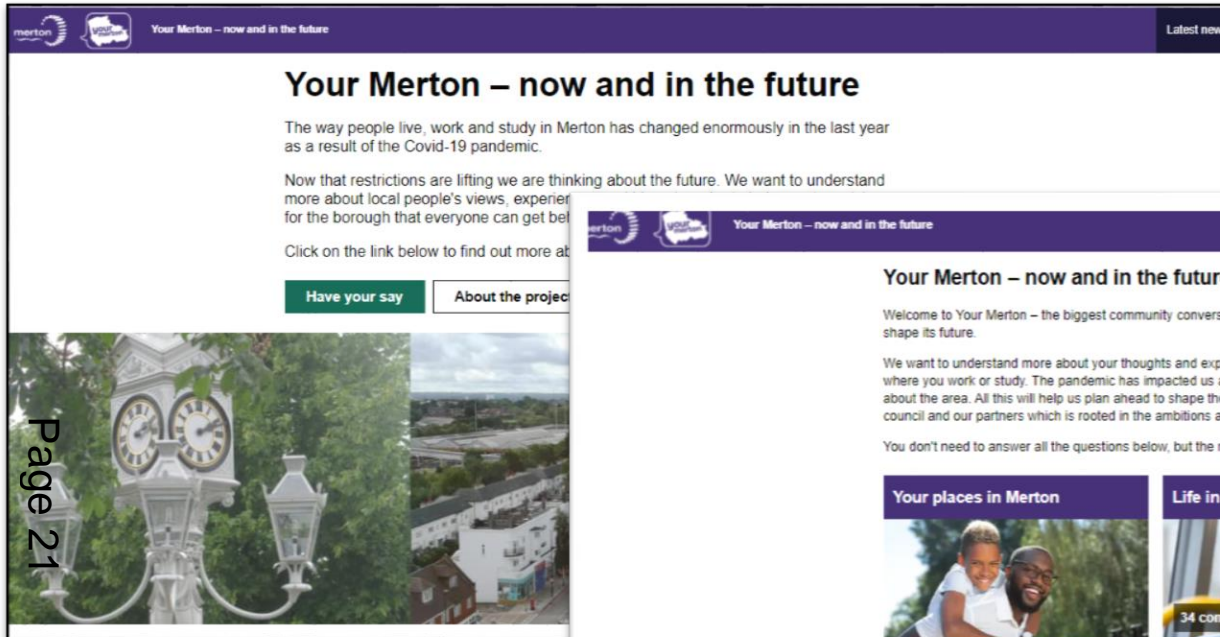
More than 30 focus groups with community partners

Facilitated conversations with young people, community partner groups, voluntary sector and others

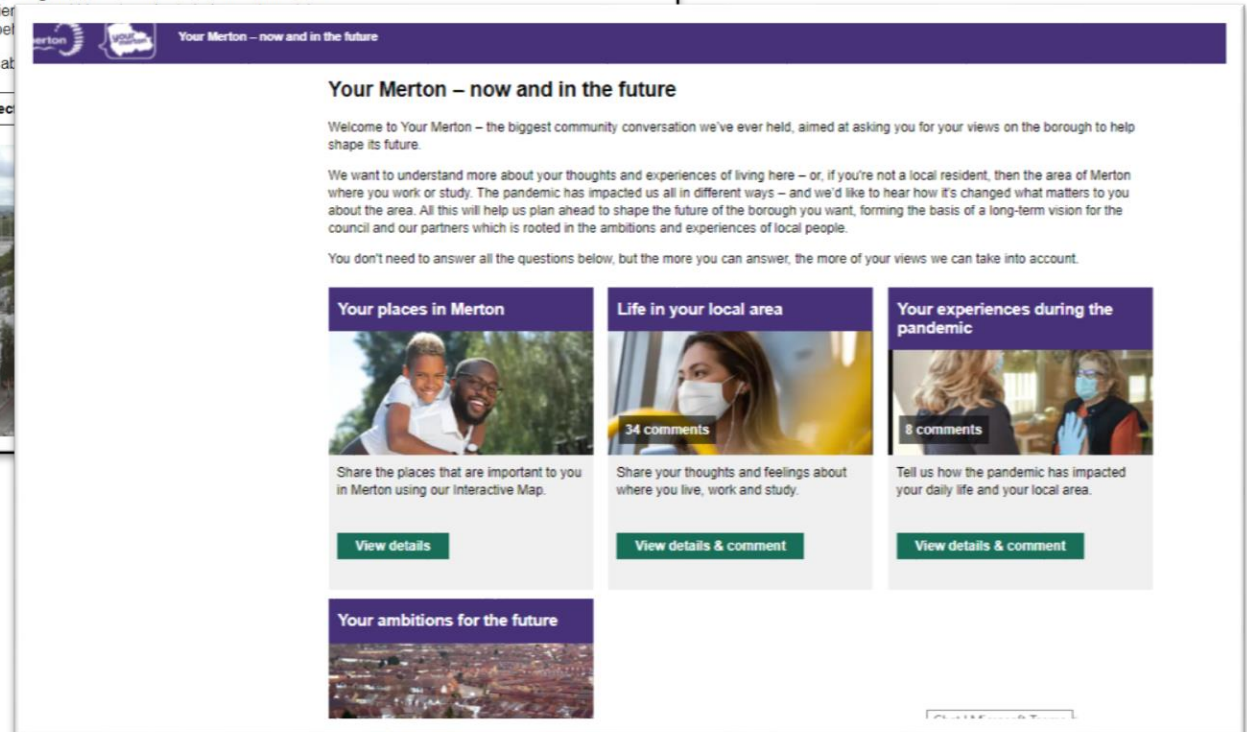
3. Your Merton website

- Launched on May 12, runs until July 7
- User-friendly, map-driven, themed around impact of the pandemic, future ambitions & views on the area
- Comments on places and services in the area

The Your Merton website

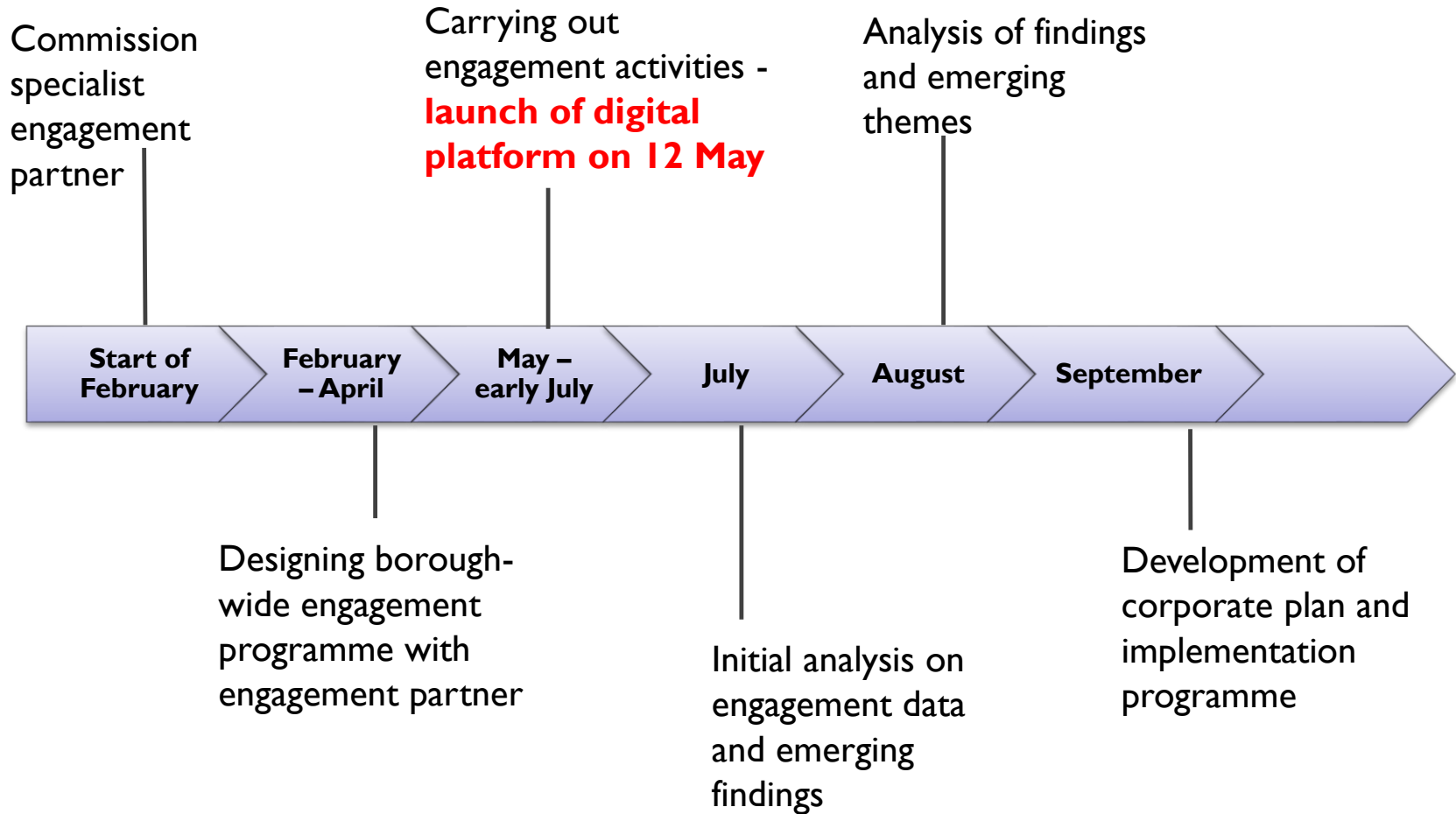


Link: [Visit the Your Merton website](#)



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What can you do?

- Visit www.merton.gov.uk/yourmerton
- Share with friends, family, networks
- If you would like any images or copy for newsletters please email getinvolved@merton.gov.uk

Any questions?

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Q & A