

# FUTURE WIMBLEDON

## SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT

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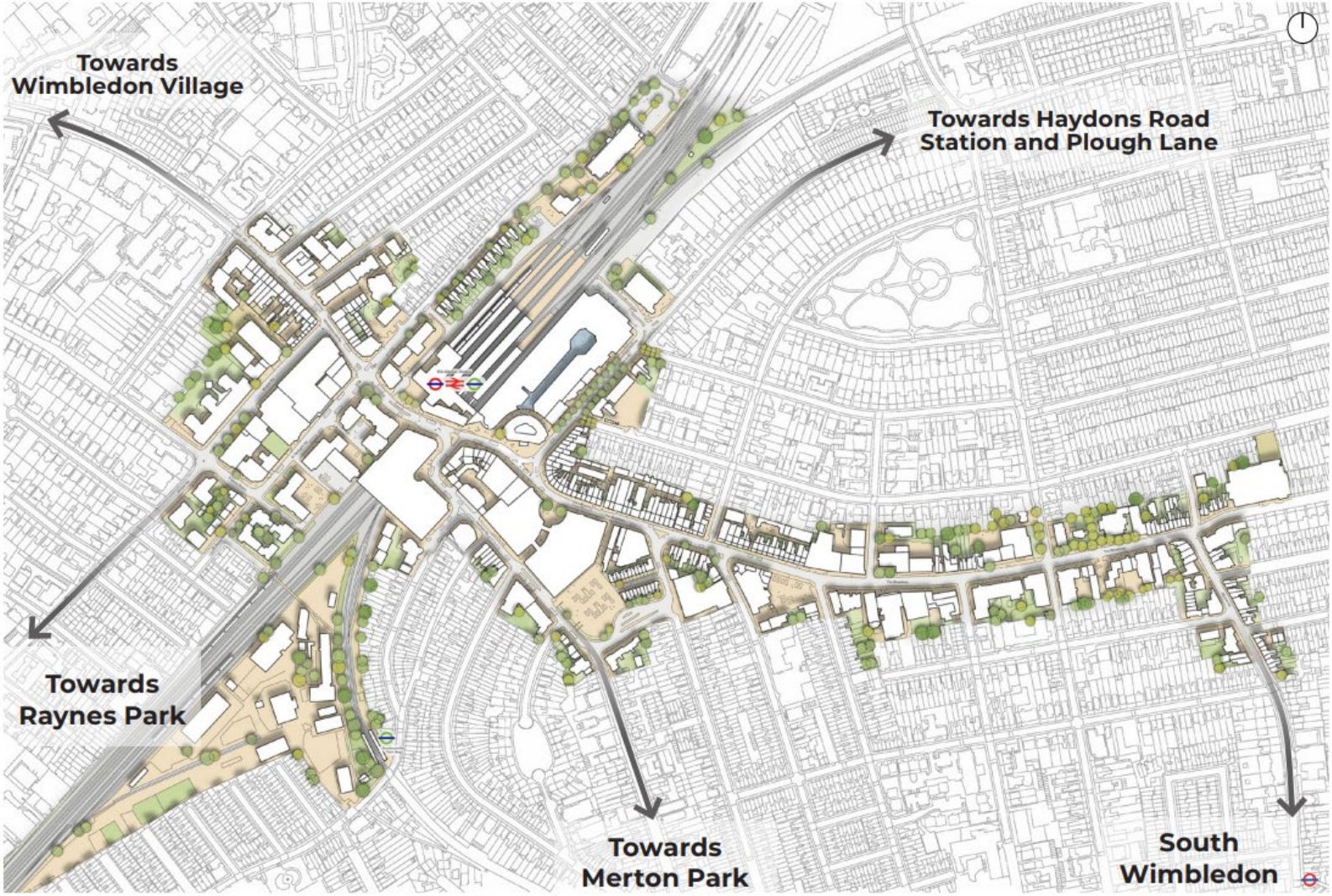
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Tonight's briefing

- Purpose of the plan
- Process so far
- Plan Priorities
- Plan Delivery







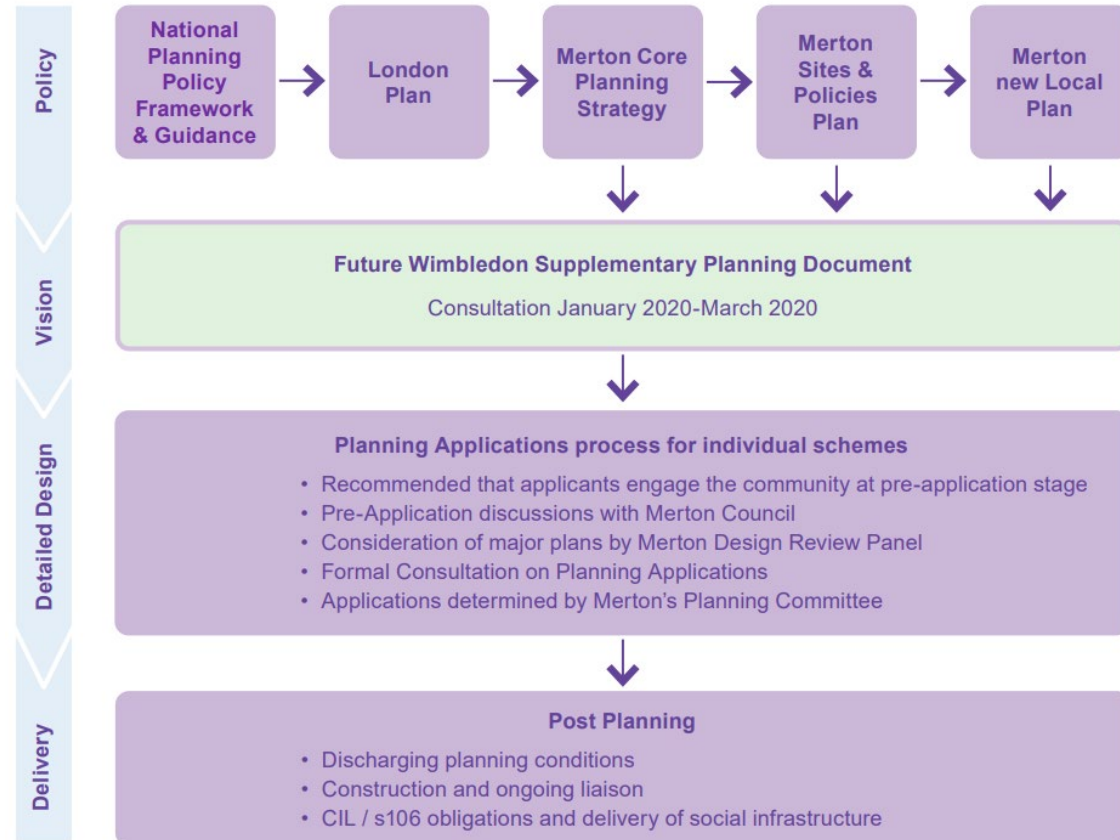
## Purpose of the plan

### A vision for the future of Wimbledon Town Centre.

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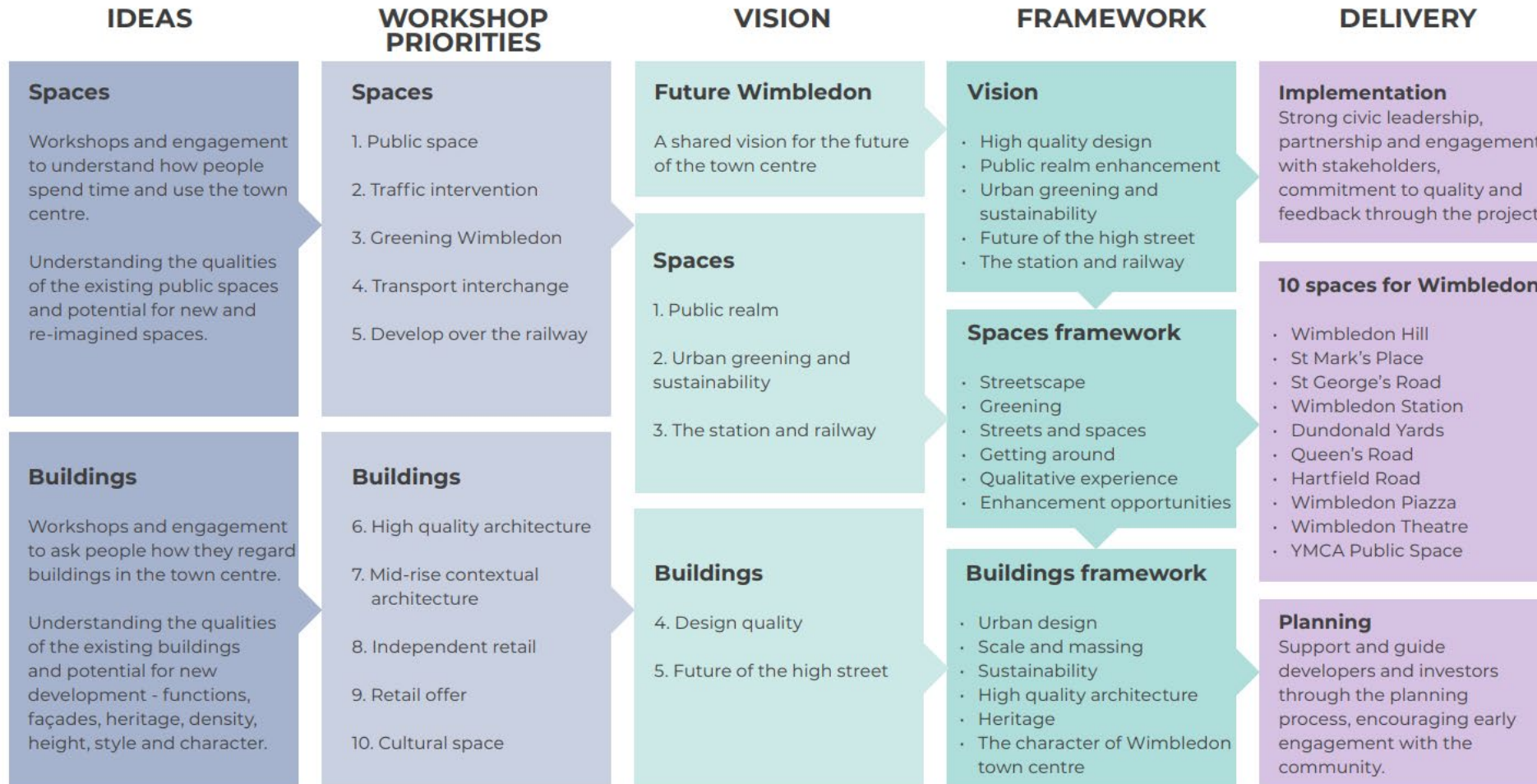
Planning and design guidance, supplementing existing policies.

Delivery of improvements to public spaces and greening Wimbledon Town Centre





# Creating the plan: the process so far



- Simplified the 10 themes into **5 Priorities.**
- Emphasised **heritage** assets in the plan
- Reduced building **heights**
- Broken the plan up into **phases**
- More guidance on building design **quality**
- 10 **public space** improvement / **greening** projects

# Priorities for the future of Wimbledon



## 1. Design Quality

Design quality underpins good growth. The future of Wimbledon should draw inspiration from its past. With many existing high quality listed buildings, future development should enhance their character and setting.

Buildings should respond to the principles and materials from their context. Careful consideration to building heights and scale must be given, in particular when relating with heritage assets and views from neighbouring conservation areas.



## 2. Public Realm

Spaces to dwell, socialise and relax are vital for the life of a town centre and the wellbeing of people.

Wimbledon does not currently have many public spaces. The piazza is the main focus for outdoor events and markets.

Feedback from the public suggested spaces such as a new town square and multiple smaller spaces are desirable.



## 3. Urban greening and sustainability

Creating a sustainable and environmentally focused town centre was highlighted as a key priority during consultation.

The redevelopment of the town centre gives Wimbledon the opportunity to be a leader in sustainable design.

Sustainable drainage systems should be used where possible and planting species that improve air quality and biodiversity should be integrated into the design of the public realm.



## 4. Future of the high street

Wimbledon already has a variety of uses spread across the town centre. However, feedback from the consultation suggested that the public would welcome more uses that compliment what is already existing.

Suggestions such as spaces that provide opportunities for independent shops and affordable workspaces were mentioned as uses that would add to the vibrancy and vitality of the town centre.



## 5. The station and railway

There are long term ambitions to overcome the severance caused by the railway tracks, therefore creating a more accessible and connected town centre.

Many comments highlighted the need to reduce traffic dominance throughout the town centre and to humanise the public realm. A world class station that has a sense of arrival with access to rail, underground, tram and buses was desired.



# The big picture: 2040

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# Public Space Enhancements

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# Wimbledon Theatre

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# Fly Through Animation



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Thank you for listening...

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Additional slides for questions...

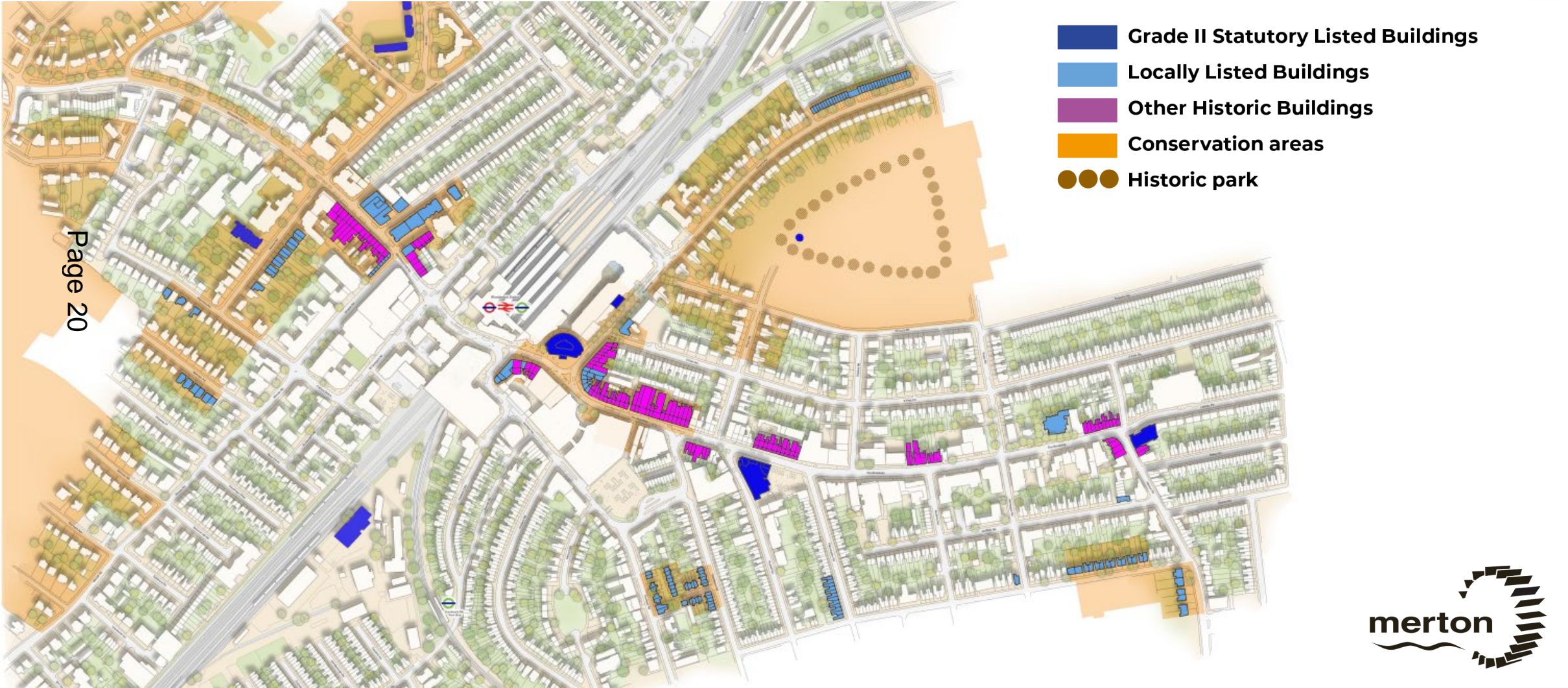






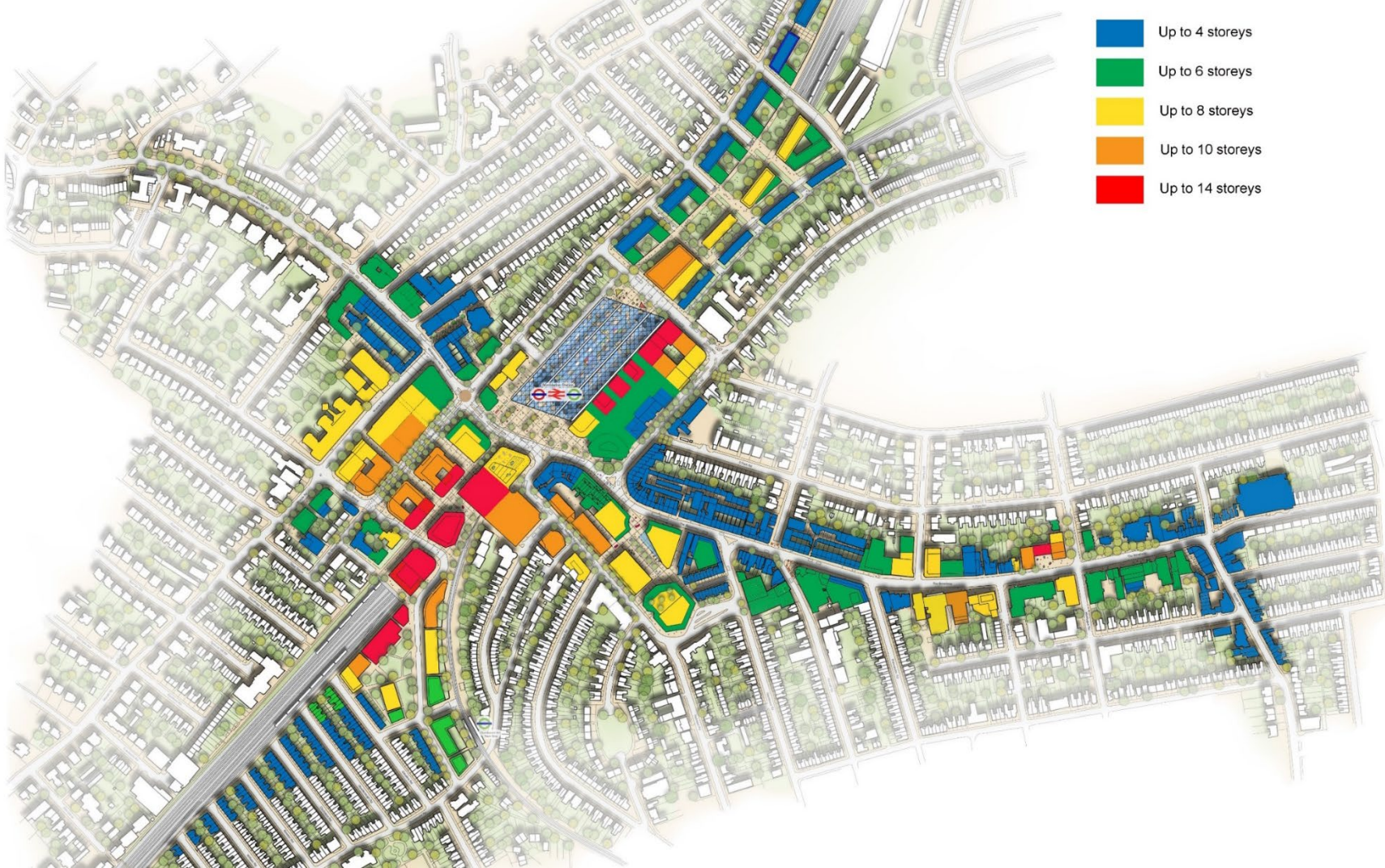


# Heritage





# Building height guidance



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