



An Update from the Wimbledon Neighbourhood Planning Group

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Minute Item 5



Context

Wimbledon is facing a period of unprecedented change:

- Wimbledon has been specifically designated as 'an area for development' in the Mayor's new London Plan
- High demand for new buildings and developments
- Relaxation of Planning Laws by Central Government
- High Streets under pressure
- Climate change
- A potential post-pandemic recession

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The Way Forward: A Neighbourhood Plan

- A Neighbourhood Plan **empowers** the local community to determine policies that future developments and planning applications would need to meet in order to be approved in the designated area
- Neighbourhood plans were introduced in the Localism Act of 2011
- Since then, over 2,700 communities have prepared one

➤ *Let's make Wimbledon the next!*



What We Can Do With A Neighbourhood Plan

A Neighbourhood Plan can include general policies as well as practical projects and actions in terms of:

- Building type and location
- Design & aesthetics
- Materials
- Public safety
- Accessibility
- Sustainability
- Etc.

It also allows us to identify, protect & improve green spaces, views, historic buildings, etc.

With a Neighbourhood Plan, we can make Wimbledon a better place to live, work and visit!



The Spirit of Our Neighbourhood Plan

- We love Wimbledon and are excited to see it grow and evolve
- We wish to bring the Local Authority, businesses, residents and local associations together to achieve our mission
- We support Wimbledon's growth. In doing so, we strive to
 - Preserve and protect the best of Wimbledon
 - Ensure new developments are of the highest quality and fit within their surroundings
 - Provide benefits for all communities and businesses within the area
 - Put sustainability at the heart of our ideas and actions



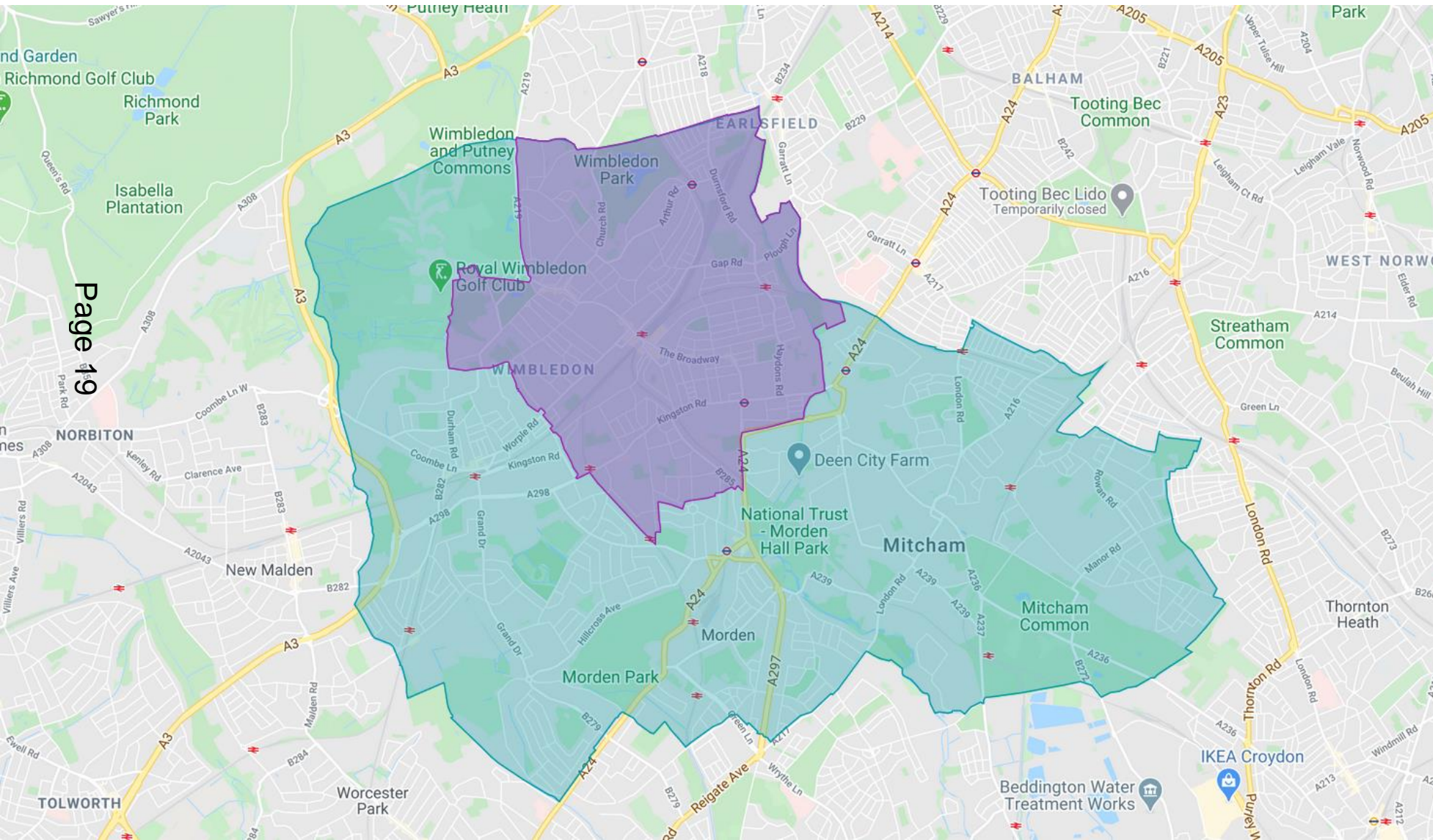
Wimbledon NPG – Status

- The group was inaugurated on January 25th 2020
- We now need to gain designation by Merton Council as a **Neighbourhood Forum** for a **Neighbourhood Area**
- Our application needs to include a boundary, supported by residents, businesses and communities inside it
- Our immediate tasks:
 - Define the area to be designated
 - Continue to build a representative and diverse membership
- Once designated, we can get on with the real work of designing the plan

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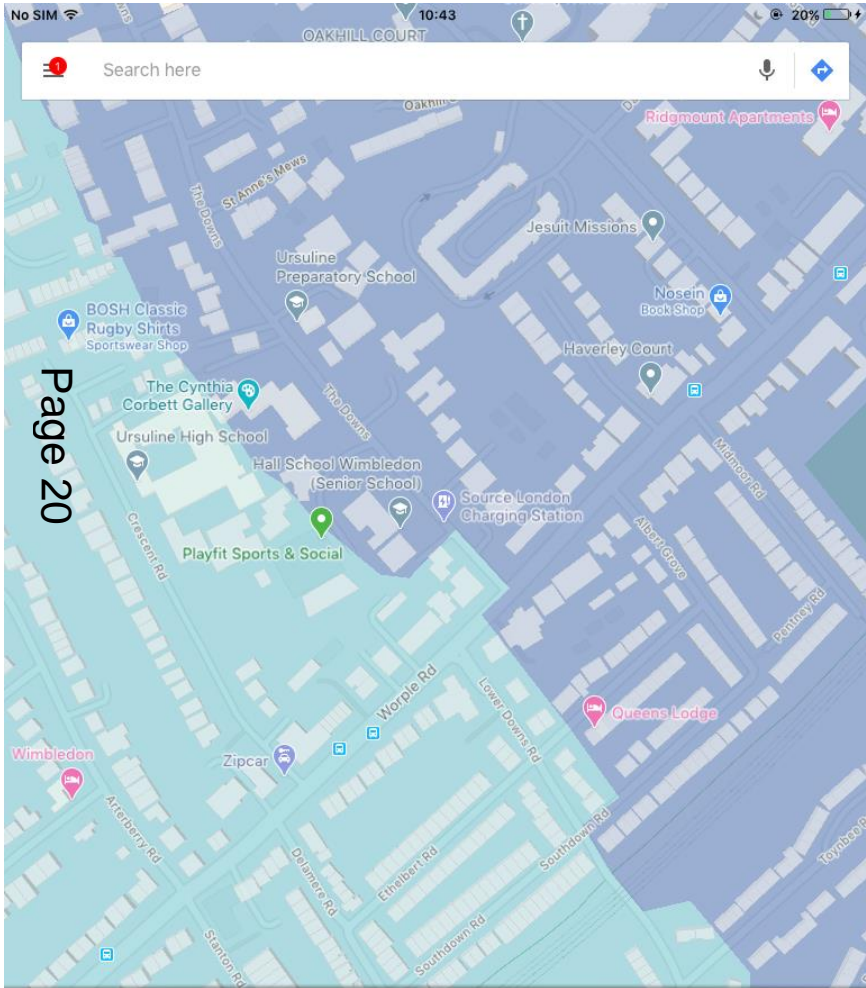
The Current Map



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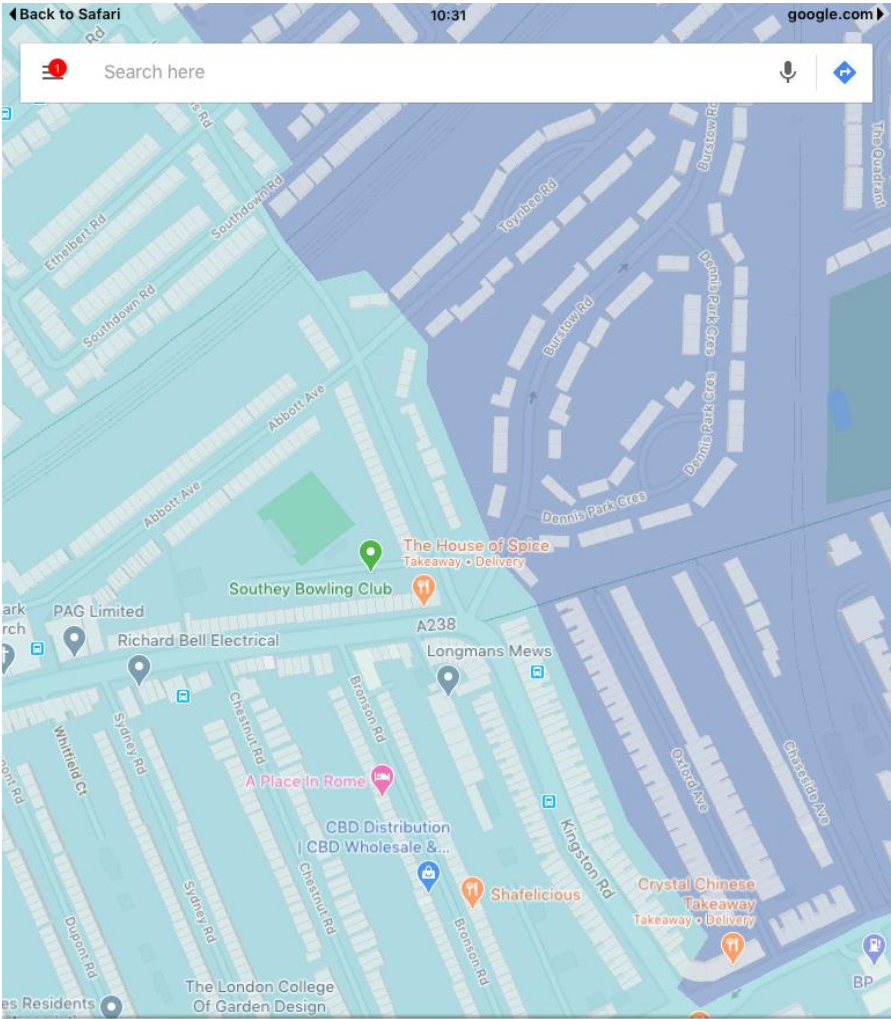
Proposed Border with Raynes Park



Proposed Neighbourhood Planning Area - Highlighted in Lavender

The proposed Neighbourhood planning area is highlighted within boundaries of Merton Borough.

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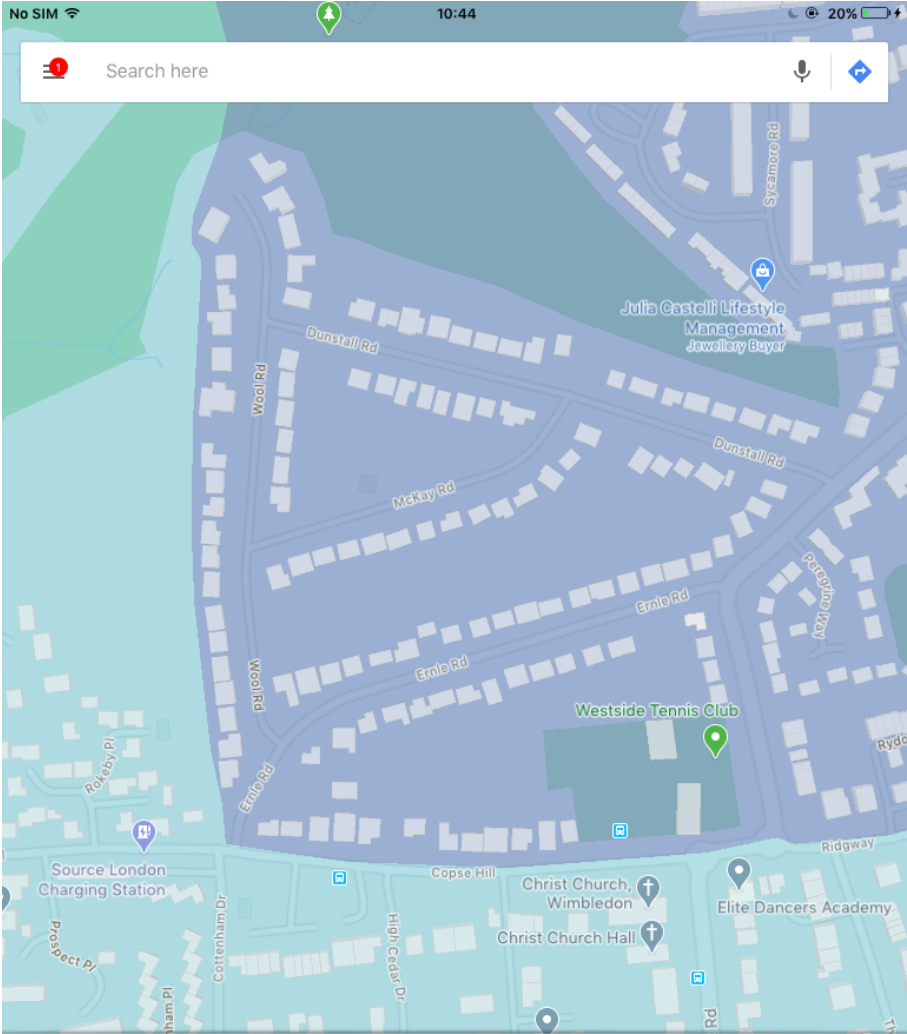
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Joining In

- This is a community project. We are local volunteers committed to delivering a better future for Wimbledon
- To be accredited by the Council, we need the whole community to support our work by becoming a member
- Membership is free & without any obligation. Joining means you can:
 - receive regular news on progress
 - have a voice in deciding the priorities for the future of Wimbledon
 - have a say in the crafting of the neighbourhood plan
 - please register at www.wimbledon-npg.org
- If you want to take a more active role shaping Wimbledon's future and volunteer, please contact secretary@wimbledon-npg.org

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