



CRICKET GREEN CHARTER

Consultation report

April 2019

1. This note summarises the community engagement activity for the refresh of the Cricket Green Charter and the feedback received.

Engagement activity

2. A refresh of the 2013 Cricket Green Charter was [announced](#) as part of the 50th anniversary celebrations of Mitcham Cricket Green Conservation Area.

3. An initial draft was publicised and feedback requested by Easter 2019. A final draft was produced for Mitcham Cricket Green Community & Heritage's AGM in April 2019 and feedback requested by the Mitcham Carnival in June 2019.

4. Invitations to contribute to the Cricket Green Charter refresh and links to the draft were publicised via:

- Over 4,500 hand delivered bulletins to homes through Cricket Green
- A specially convened workshop – Cricket Green: the next 50 years – in the Vestry Hall attended by nearly 30, including local councillors, and with presentations from Merton Council's futureMerton team
- Direct mailings to members of Mitcham Cricket Green Community & Heritage and over 750 other contacts
- Monthly Open Meetings of Mitcham Cricket Green Community & Heritage
- Social media (Twitter & Facebook) generating c1.5k impressions on Twitter

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Engagement feedback

The feedback below records all the individual comments received at the workshop. Many issues were raised multiple times and so appear more than once.

Like about Cricket Green



Cricket on the Green

No tall buildings

Village feel

Mix of building styles

Three churches

Lots of small open spaces

Role of Mitcham Cricket Green Community & Heritage

Sense of community

Lots of facilities

Historic buildings

Green spaces

Combination of registered green land and historic listed buildings

Signposted statutory rights of way

Planting and historic structures at Jubilee Corner

General ambience

Historic buildings and history

Greenery and trees

People – friendly, diverse

Green open spaces

Cricket

Historic buildings and heritage

Trees

Village feel

Open space

Trees

Green open spaces

Churches

Unique history

Buildings from an age where beauty was incorporated into practicality
Green open spaces and magnificent trees
Green open space for people to use and enjoy
Cricket
Flowers
Open spaces
Trees
Seasonal changes throughout the year
Seeing the cricket being played on a summers day

Development you want

Focus on quality not quantity
To know when you are in the Conservation Area
Development that provides culture, shops and doctors as well as housing
Burn Bullock
Cricket pavilion
Use of vacant sites
Height restriction – nothing taller than Vestry Hall or church
Reinstate coaching inns
Wilson
Shopping area
Avoid too many traffic lights
Three Kings Pond
Use of brick not glass
Better sewers
Provide public toilets
Provide water fountains
Streets and houses not blocks
Quality
Better quality shops
Nice pub
Heritage-looking pub
Spruce up London Road shops
Better quality, less dense development
Better quality new residential development
Shared ownership, social housing
Cricket pavilion
More variety of shops
Cricket club
Preserve the cricket pavilion and fire station
More cultural and leisure facilities – theatre, restaurant, dancing venue, arts facility, museum
More local facilities to draw people for leisure/shopping
Good detailing on new development to make buildings attractive and draw the eye
Pitched roofs
No high rise
A Charles Church in the Birches if we have to have a development
Good standard reasonably prices houses/flats
More use of the green

Investment priorities

Stronger presence for Conservation Area in street furniture, paving, signage and quality of new building
Coffee shops and bakers
Things to do at the weekend
More social activity
Attract new business
Public transport links
Quality of shops
Better links between Fair Green and Cricket Green
Better management of the Greens
Tell story of the area better
Remove blight of vacant sites and closed pubs
Future of cricket pavilion
Manage green spaces
Signage
Mitcham Greens need to be celebrated
Traffic lights that prioritise pedestrians
Access to the Wilson
Start up
Pop up
Social environment – family friendly, intergenerational
Publicising the good things – history, cricket, transport links
Burn Bullock
Upgrade cricket pavilion
Canons
Sorting out traffic and walking routes
An Ultra Low Emissions Zone
Tackle fly parking
Family friendly and community based schemes
Improved employment opportunities for young people – digital start ups
Cricket pavilion
Maintain open spaces
Signage
Street furniture to highlight Conservation Area
Shops
Coffee shops
Tunnel for traffic
Extend Conservation Area
Entrance signs
Coffee
Extend Conservation Area to Mitcham town centre
Youth activities
Better pedestrian experience
Pollution reduction
Secure future for cricket pavilion
Burn Bullock
White Hart
Kwik Fit site

General feedback

"Agree very strongly with the spirit and purpose of the Charter.....deserves strong public support"

Address "volume and ferocity of the road traffic"

"Noise and aggression of the traffic that mars Mitcham most"

"Encourage any measure that would reduce, calm, pacify or eliminate road traffic in the Conservation Area"

"20mph limits ought to be enforced"

"Trams would probably be fine"

"Police as well as Merton Council have a responsibility to maintain public order"

"More cultural events, activities and venues.....is something that Mitcham sorely needs. Music, talks, hobbies etc to bring the people of Mitcham together"

"Mitcham Heritage Day was enjoyable mainly because I was able to meet local people"

"The Canons....especially the café, could be the best thing that has happened to Mitcham in years"

"feel the shortage of decent pubs keenly.....Mitcham deserves plenty of welcoming, homely pubs"

"There must be many people like me, who support your activities but do not always say so. It is really heartening to know that so much thought and hard work is put into the Conservation Area. Thank you"

"Thank you for your continuing tireless efforts on behalf of the community and heritage of this area"

Tackle "the main blight which the area suffers from: road traffic.....the biggest contributor to air and noise pollution.....the one thing that makes living here unpleasant"

"Enhancing opportunities for cycling as well as walking.....connected to a sensible grid"

"Church Road closed to most traffic.....removal of on-street parking on Church Road and wider pavements for pedestrians"

"take space from private motor vehicles and give it to pedestrians, cyclists and public transport.....for Lower and Cricket Greens"

"green open spaces and many admirable historic buildings are protected and preserved"

"Brook House is an eyesore which should be demolished"

"Burn Bullock and White Hart pubs should be saved and put to use again as pubs or some other community realm"

"Recognise public rights of way"

