

# Sutton Link: Morden town centre masterplan proposals

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## What is the Sutton Link project?

We are consulting on proposals for a new, direct and quicker transport link between Sutton and Merton. We have called this the Sutton Link.

The Sutton Link would create a high-capacity route for people travelling between Sutton town centre and Merton using zero-emission vehicles. It would connect with other major transport services into central London and across south London, including National Rail, London Underground, existing tram and bus services. It would make journeys by public transport quicker and more attractive, and reduce the need for trips by private car.

Many of the neighbourhoods along the proposed routes have limited public transport options. The Sutton Link would support new homes being built and would improve access to jobs, services, major transport hubs and leisure opportunities across both boroughs and beyond.

We are considering a tram or 'bus rapid transit' (BRT) for the Sutton Link.

## Morden town centre

Morden has been identified as one of the major growth and housing opportunity areas in south west London by the Mayor, Transport for London (TfL) and Merton Council.

In October 2015, Morden town centre was given Housing Zone status by the Mayor, making it one of the 31 identified Housing Zones within London.

As a major landowner in Morden town centre, TfL has also identified Morden as one of its Major Scheme projects. This project aims to improve air quality, reduce traffic dominance, enable a better setting for retail and businesses and create a healthy place for residents and users of the Underground station.

Morden Underground station is used by approximately 10.5m passengers every year. The

presence of such a large number of commuters, employees and residents should benefit the town centre. However, throughout LB Merton's consultations people said that Morden is not an attractive town centre to enjoy and has the potential to be better.

Figure 1 – Artist's impression of vision for Morden town centre



For further information on Morden town centre please contact [more.morden@merton.gov.uk](mailto:more.morden@merton.gov.uk) or visit [www.merton.gov.uk/moremorden](http://www.merton.gov.uk/moremorden).

## Interface with Sutton Link

Route Option 1 would serve Morden town centre with a tram or Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) stop on Morden Hall Road. The stop is likely to be approximately 300m (less than a five-minute walk) from Morden Underground station. We will work with the Morden town centre project team to ensure an attractive, high quality and well planned interchange between the tram or BRT stop and the Underground station.

A route option that passed directly through the town centre was considered in detail at an earlier stage of development of the Sutton Link proposals but is not part of this consultation. Assessment showed that this route option should not be pursued further due to the forecast traffic impacts and the overall cost and complexity of the route. It is also not consistent with LB Merton's aspirations for the town centre.

### LB Merton draft Local Plan consultation

Alongside our development of the Sutton Link proposals LB Merton is preparing and consulting on a new Local Plan. The draft Local Plan contains further information on Morden town centre. LB Merton's consultation on the draft Local Plan is taking place from late October to December 2018. For further information on the Merton Local Plan consultation, please visit the Merton Local Plan 2020 webpage at [www.merton.gov.uk/newlocalplan](http://www.merton.gov.uk/newlocalplan).

### Find out more and have your say

This consultation gives you the opportunity to comment on proposals for the Sutton Link project. Visit [tfl.gov.uk/Sutton-link](http://tfl.gov.uk/Sutton-link) to leave a comment or provide a response to the consultation questions. The consultation will close on 6 January 2019.

On the website you can also view and download a range of factsheets, maps, and other information about the scheme. The proposals are still at an early stage. There will be more opportunity to provide feedback on the Sutton Link as the scheme develops.

Alternatively, come along to one of our drop-in events where you will have the opportunity to view our proposals and speak to members of the Sutton Link team. More details about drop-ins are also on the website.

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