

LABOUR'S LOCAL PLAN: TRAVELLER SITE BY RECYCLING CENTRE, 'INTENSIFICATION' AND DOWNGRADING OF GREEN BELT

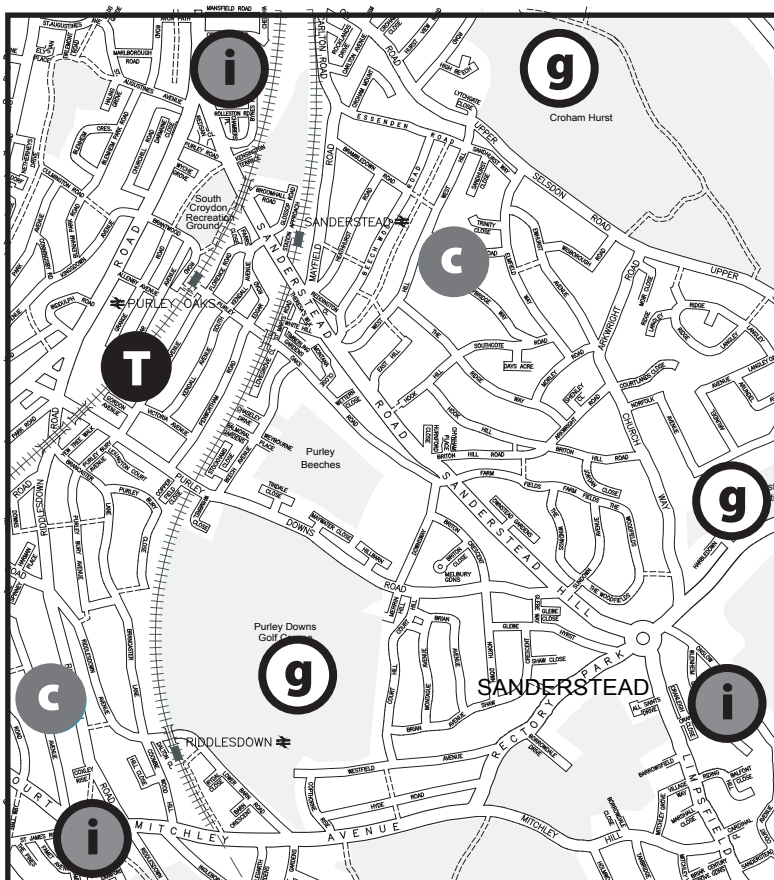
Last year Croydon's Labour council consulted on the latest version of its plan for the borough - this is the set of rules which decide what sort of development is allowed in different areas. We objected to a range of the proposed policies, including the proposed downgrading of some areas of Green Belt ('g' on the map), the intensification of development allowed in Onslow Gardens (intensification areas marked 'i') and the introduction of sites for Travellers in Croham and Shirley. Areas marked 'c' are where a Local Area of Special Character designation is to go.

In response to our objections the intensification area around Onslow Gardens has shrunk a bit, but still includes most of Onslow Gardens and the roads leading off it. We think this is completely inappropriate and continue to object.

The **traveller sites** originally proposed have been dropped, because the owners of the land weren't interested. The proposed replacement is behind the **Purley Oaks recycling centre** (marked 'T'), which is council-owned land. We think this is a terrible location: the wrong area, with awful traffic congestion and dangerous for children because of the adjacent flood control pond.

We remain concerned about the change in status of our much-loved Green Belt - this is a slippery slope towards redevelopment for housing, which we know is Labour's highest priority. We don't want to see the edges of our Green Belt nibbled away at.

It is vital that all concerned residents let the council know what they think of these ideas. Details of how to do this are given opposite. You can also follow the latest developments using our blog (see panel).



Consultation runs from 5 Sep for 6 weeks and documents may be viewed:

- At the borough's libraries (during normal opening hours)
- At Bernard Weatherill House (Access Croydon), Mint Walk, Croydon, 9:00am-4:00pm (Monday to Friday)
- By downloading from the Council's website:
Croydon Local Plan: Strategic Policies www.croydon.gov.uk/localplanone
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