



Merton Centre for Independent Living
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Friday 23rd September 2022

Ref: Changing Places Funding

Dear Adrian Ash (Director of Environment & Regeneration),

Thank you for your quick response to our query about Merton's plans to pursue [government funding](#) for changing places facilities.

Merton CIL is disappointed to hear that the council has no plans to take advantage of the second potential opportunity to apply for changing places funding and make local spaces more accessible for the Disabled community.

We met with Chris Lee (Past Director of Environment and Regeneration) in June and discussed why it was important that the council explored the next round of funding. While it is great to hear about the programme to develop toilets in libraries, there is a need for at least one changing places facility in each of the main centers in Merton (Mitcham, Morden, Colliers Wood, Raynes Park and Wimbledon) to ensure our borough is fully inclusive.

Merton CIL is keen for the council to reconsider its decision not to pursue the governments changing places funding scheme.

We would also like to discuss how we work together to achieve a more strategic approach to developing changing places facilities in the borough and establish a timescale within which this can be achieved.

We look forward to further discussions.

Kind regards,

Michael Turner - Policy & Strategy Manager of Merton CIL

Cc: Andrew Judge - Cabinet Member for Housing and Sustainable Development