

The Borough

Sutton is an outer London Borough with a population of over 185,000, situated over 17 square miles, and has an interesting mix of neighbourhoods. The Borough is bordered to the north, east and north west by the London Boroughs of Merton, Croydon and Kingston upon Thames respectively and Surrey to the south. Sutton is already one of the highest performing councils in the country and has great ambitions for its future.

This reflects the dynamism and sense of purpose that exists throughout the Council. The Council is made up of 54 councillors. The representation is:

- 42 Liberal Democrat
- 11 Conservative
- 1 Labour

The Liberal Democrat Group has controlled the Council since 1986; making it the longest running Liberal Democrat controlled Council in the country. Councillor Ruth Dombey is the leader of the Liberal Democrat Group and Leader of the Council. The Adult Social Services agenda is of keen importance to the Council and is part of both the 'fairer' and 'safer' elements of our 'fairer, safer, greener, smarter' strap line.

The senior management team is led by Niall Bolger, Chief Executive, who has been at the Council since 2011, where he leads a robust working environment with a dynamic "can do" culture that promotes excellence and innovation, and drives the Smarter Council agenda, which is extending the concept of a 'commissioning Council' across the organisation.

The proportion of residents who are satisfied with Sutton as a place to live is high at 90%, and this is a long term positive trend. The quality of life is generally high, as is community cohesion. This overall position masks some important differences across the Borough. Whilst the majority of the Borough's workforce is professional, managerial or skilled non-manual, rates of unemployment are high amongst tenants living in social housing. The inequality of wealth is reflected in the very steep social gradient within the Borough. The southern parts of the Borough (with the exception of pockets within Beddington South and Belmont) are largely suburban in character and consist of relatively affluent areas. In contrast, the northern parts share many of the characteristics of inner London, with significant pockets of deprivation and limited access to social infrastructure. The most recent Indices of Multiple Deprivation has demonstrated an overall increase in deprivation within the Borough.

Housing in Sutton and the Surrounding areas

1. Private Sector – House Prices in Sutton & the Surrounding areas



Sutton	Travel Zone 5
<u>Property Prices</u>	
Flat	£184,541
Terrace	£267,575
Semi Detached	£352,330
Detached	£563,784
Council Tax Average	£1,443
Parking Permit Average	£45
Average School Ratings	75%

Property prices by London Borough

Kensington & Chelsea	£1,586,426
City of Westminster	£1,383,459
Camden	£806,414
Hammersmith & Fulham	£753,952
Richmond Upon Thames	£645,756
Islington	£580,300
Wandsworth	£569,762
Merton	£472,664
Southwark	£456,721
Barnet	£451,963
Kingston Upon Thames	£444,312
Ealing	£438,133
Hackney	£428,333
Brent	£421,933
Hounslow	£421,059
Lambeth	£418,755
Tower Hamlets	£379,673
Harrow	£355,716
Bromley	£341,695
Greenwich	£320,585
Redbridge	£302,573
Lewisham	£302,235
Hillingdon	£298,172
Sutton	£293,336
Enfield	£290,082
Waltham Forest	£269,825
Croydon	£263,870
Haringey	£252,999
Havering	£252,999
Bexley	£235,320
Newham	£228,216
Barking & Dagenham	£185,460

b. Shared Ownership Schemes in Sutton and the Surrounding areas

Within Sutton there are two schemes that are run: the Help to Buy Equity Loan and the Help to Buy Mortgage Guarantee.

Shared Ownership schemes are available within a commutable distance of Sutton in the Kent Sussex and Kent areas.

www.helptobuy.net

<http://www.amicushorizon.org.uk/article/11997/Homes-for-sale>

c. Shared Ownership Schemes in London

To apply for a Shared Ownership scheme in the London area visit www.shareto-buy.com/London. You will need to register your interest in the scheme and contact the appropriate Housing Providers in your areas of interest.

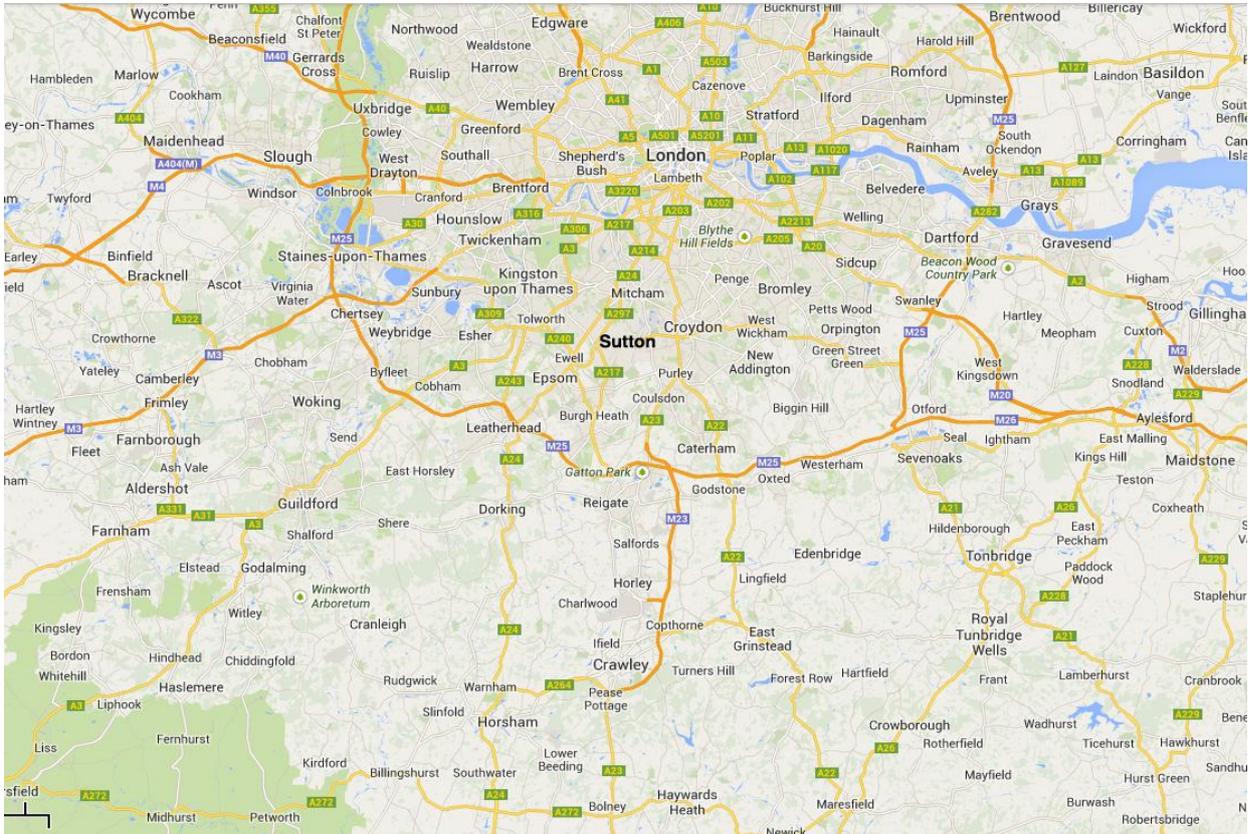
d. Keyworker Housing

As a public sector worker you could get help to buy or rent a home as part the Key Worker Living Programme. The websites that follow provide further information:

http://www.affinitysutton.com/buy_or_rent_a_home/rent/keyworker_rent.aspx

<http://www.lqgroup.org.uk/sales-and-rentals/home-ownership-and-rental-options/key-worker-homes/>

Transport



Rail Services

The borough is reasonably well-served by the National Rail network, with lines through Sutton providing services to the London termini of Victoria (30 minutes) and (peak only) London Bridge and the 'Thameslink' service providing a cross-London rail link to Blackfriars (36 minutes), St. Pancras International (46 minutes) and Luton / Bedford via the Wimbledon and Sutton loop line. Sutton is approximately 12 minutes by train from Croydon. The line serving Worcester Park in the north west of the borough provides services to Waterloo. Going out of London there are direct services from the borough to Epsom Downs, Epsom, Dorking, Horsham and Guildford (peak only). The borough is currently served by three Train Operating Companies (TOCs) – Southern, First Capital Connect and South West Trains.

There are nine rail stations fully within the borough and one (Worcester Park) spanning the borough boundary. In addition, several stations lie just outside the borough and are likely to be used by borough residents, including Banstead, Mitcham Junction, St. Helier, Stoneleigh, Waddon and Woodmansterne.

Bus Services

The borough is served by a reasonably extensive network of bus services, mainly using the main roads and serving town centres and other key destinations. Sutton is a 15 minute bus journey from the Morden terminus of the Northern Line.

Tram Services

The Tramlink network runs between Croydon and Wimbledon with two stops in the north-east corner of the borough at Beddington Lane and Therapia Lane. The tram stop at Mitcham Junction provides a useful interchange with rail services to and from Sutton. The Tramlink depot is also in the borough at Therapia Lane. Tramlink is now operated by Transport for London and has been rebranded as London Tramlink.

The Road Network

Three strategic Transport for London Road Network (TLRN) 'Red Routes', two of which, the A24 and A217, link central London to the GLA boundary (and onwards to the M25) and one of which, the A232, provides an east-west route across the borough.

Useful Links that provide further information on our borough:

Schools and Education	
School Listings in Sutton	https://www.sutton.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=15482
Secondary School League Table in Sutton	http://www.education.gov.uk/cgi-bin/schools/performance/group.pl?ctype=LA&no=319&superview=sec
General Information relating to Sutton	
Borough Guide and regions of Sutton	http://www.allinlondon.co.uk/boroughs/
Opportunity Sutton: projects, business, employment, investment, what's on	http://www.opportunitiesutton.org
Sutton Guardian – local news, leisure and what's on	http://www.suttonguardian.co.uk/