Dear Resident/Business,

The purpose of this newsletter is to inform you that Merton Council has been successful in its bid to Transport for London (TfL) to fund accessibility improvements across the Borough. As part of this initiative and a recent incident reported by the Metropolitan Police, pedestrian safety and accessibility outside Harris Academy in Wide Way, Mitcham has been identified as an area that could be improved.

It is proposed to introduce a zebra pedestrian crossing on the existing speed table in Wide Way outside the main school entrance near its junction with Abbots Road as shown on the plan overleaf. This will reduce the risk of personal injury and provide a safer environment for pedestrians, especially those attending this school.

To safely introduce the crossing, certain alterations to the road layout in the vicinity will be required. These include removal of the existing kerb build out on the school side to accommodate further widening of the footway on the opposite side at its junction with Abbots Road. This will maintain the existing level of on-street parking and ensure that suitable visibility is provided for pedestrians and approaching vehicles.

What happens next
A statutory consultation is required to introduce the crossing.

A Notice of the Council’s intentions to introduce the crossing will be published in the local newspaper and posted on lamp columns in the vicinity. Any comments must be put in writing to the Head of Street Scene and Waste, Merton Civic Centre, London Road, Morden, Surrey, SM4 5DX by no later than 3 February 2012, quoting reference ES/SGE/WIDE WAY ZEBRA.

A copy of the Notice and plan identifying the area affected by the proposal can be inspected at Merton Link, Merton Civic Centre, London Road, Morden, Surrey during the Council’s working hours, Monday to Friday, between 9am and 5pm.

A copy can also be inspected at Pollards Hill Library, South Lodge Avenue, Mitcham, CR4 1LT. Alternatively, this information can be viewed on our website using the following link www.merton.gov.uk/widewayzebra

If you require further information, you may contact James Geeson directly on 020 8545 3054 or email trafficandhighways@merton.gov.uk.
NEW PEDESTRIAN CROSSING SIGNS TO BE MOUNTED ON EXISTING LAMP COLUMN, REDUNDANT 'SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR' SIGN TO BE REMOVED

EXISTING TREE TO BE REMOVED TO ENSURE CROSSING BEACON IS VISIBLE TO DRIVERS

PROPOSED ZEBRA CROSSING ON EXISTING RAISED 85mm TABLE TO BE MODIFIED ACCORDINGLY

PROPOSED ZEBRA CROSSING ON WIDE WAY, MITCHAM

PROPOSED UNRESTRICTED PARKING

EXISTING SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR UNAFFECTED

50M BUFF COLOURED ANTI-SLIP ON BOTH APPROACHES

PROPOSED INCREASE IN THE KERB BUILDTOU TO ENSURE PEDESTRIAN VISIBILITY

NEW PEDESTRIAN CROSSING SIGN TO BE MOUNTED ON EXISTING LAMP COLUMN, EXISTING HUMP SIGN TO BE MOUNTED ON OFFSET BRACKET ATTACHED TO LAMP COLUMN

REMOVING PART OF EXISTING DOUBLE YELLOW LINES FOR ZIG ZAG MARKINGS

PROPOSED KERB BUILDTOU AND GIVE WAY MARKING BROUGHT FORWARD TO ENSURE IMPROVED DRIVER VISIBILITY WHILE EXITING

EXISTING BUS STOP AND SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR MARKINGS UNAFFECTED

EXISTING WAITING RESTRICTIONS UNAFFECTED

EXISTING SIGN

EXISTING KERB BUILDTOU TO BE REMOVED AND GUARD RAIL MOVED BACK

EXISTING WAITING RESTRICTIONS UNAFFECTED

PLAYGROUND

SCALE 1:500

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PROPOSED KERB BUILDTOU