Advantages
1. Only southbound traffic within the area will be re-distributed onto Abbey Road and Pincott Road.
2. Traffic flow on Mill Road will be reduced.
3. Businesses on Station Road will still have access via Merton High Street and Merantun Way.

Disadvantages
1. This will not remove most of the traffic within the area.
2. All northbound traffic within the area will be via Mill Road.
3. Residents in Station Road, travelling northbound would have a longer distance to travel.

LET US KNOW YOUR VIEWS
Please complete and return the enclosed prepaid questionnaire (no stamp required), with any further comments / suggestions by 29 May 2009.

We regret that due to the number of responses received during a public consultation it will not be possible to individually respond to each respondent. We welcome your comments on this proposal, which will be noted and included within the proposed measures where appropriate.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT
The results of the consultation along with officers’ recommendations will be reported to either the Street Management Advisory Committee on 16 June 2009 or, if appropriate, earlier to the Cabinet Member for Planning and Traffic Management for a decision. Once a decision is made you will be informed accordingly.

The 6 month temporary period will also act as a formal consultation period where residents can write in to object or support the proposals. Consideration will be given to either make the measures permanent or to remove it.

CONTACT US
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Dear Resident/Business
You may recall that in August 2008, the Council consulted you regarding measures to convert the area bounded by Merantun Way, Morden Road, Merton High Street and Mill Road into a 20mph zone, and also options to reduce the ‘rat run’ that occurs within this area. The 20mph zone has been implemented and a decision was made not to proceed with the proposals for the ‘rat run’ as the majority of residents were against them.

The traffic survey conducted in July 2008 recorded approximately 4466 vehicles entering the area. Of this, 3371 (76%) vehicles left the area within the specified periods above. This suggests that a high percentage of drivers use this area as a cut through. The table below shows the results of the survey.

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Disadvantages
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