Dear Resident

Until recently, it was the Council’s intention to consult on introducing a 20mph zone in the Sherwood Park Road area, as part of its ongoing programme to manage excessive and inappropriate speeds in residential roads. However, due to a number of constraints, we are unable to consult residents on the wider scheme, bounded by Wide Way, Manor Road, Commonside East and Chestnut Grove (already a 20mph zone). Instead, the Council is responding to concerns raised by some residents regarding safety and speeds in some of the roads within the area by introducing the appropriate traffic calming measures only in Dahlia Gardens and Abbotts Road in this financial year.

Funding is available from Transport for London (TfL) for the 2010/11 financial year and the Council is consulting residents of both roads on the proposed speed reducing measures. If approved and these measures are introduced (subject to the results of the statutory consultation and a decision by the Cabinet Member for Environment, Sustainability and Regeneration), the proposed traffic calming measures will form part of a wider 20mph zone scheme, to be consulted in the next financial year, subject to funding being made available.

The table below shows traffic speed and volume data collected outside no. 84 and no. 138 Abbotts Road between 6 July 2010 and 12 July 2010.

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<tr>
<th>Location</th>
<th>Volume of vehicles</th>
<th>*85%ile (mph)</th>
<th>Highest recorded speed (mph)</th>
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<td>North bound</td>
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<td>84 Abbotts Road</td>
<td>1715</td>
<td>1591</td>
<td>27.7</td>
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<td>138 Abbotts Road</td>
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* Speed below, which 85% of the total vehicles surveyed, travelled at.

In the 3 year period up to 30 December 2009, there were 3 recorded personal injury collisions (PIC) in Abbotts Road, of which 2 occurred within the vicinity of a junction. All of the collisions were regarded as slight injury collisions. Although the table shows that the majority of drivers travelled within the posted limit of 30mph, a small minority travelled at excessive speeds, considered inappropriate for a residential road.

PROPOSALS
The Council is proposing the following traffic measures to ensure driver speeds are reduced:

1. **Raised junction**
   - Abbotts Road / Robinhood Lane

   **Advantages of raised junctions**
   - Reduces speeds at junctions.
   - Can be used in isolation – they do not have to form part of a series of other features such as road humps.
   - More acceptable to emergency services than standard humps.
   - Improved crossing facilities allows pedestrians, especially vulnerable road users such as those with disabilities and parents with children to cross the road.
   - Improved sightlines.

   **Disadvantages of raised junctions**
   - Can be expensive to construct
   - Construction may cause temporary traffic disruption including temporary road / traffic lane closure

2. **Implement speed cushions**
   - within the vicinities of nos. 42, 80 and 116 Abbotts Road.

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Advantages of speed cushions
- Effective at reducing traffic speeds,
- Accepted by emergency services.
- Inexpensive to construct
- No loss of on-street parking
- Cyclists can pass between them.

Disadvantages of speed cushions
- Can not be used to reduce speeds of larger vehicles such as heavy goods vehicles.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT
A Notice of the Council’s intentions to introduce the above measures, which form part of the overall agreed scheme will be published in the local newspaper, London Gazette and posted on lamp columns in the vicinity. Representations for and against the proposals described in this Notice must be made in writing to the Head of Street Scene and Waste, Merton Civic Centre, London Road, Morden, Surrey, SM4 5DX or email trafficandhighways@merton.gov.uk by no later than 9 March 2011, quoting reference ES/SGE/ABBOTTSROAD. Objections must relate only to the elements of the scheme that are subject to this statutory consultation.

All representations along with Officers’ comments and recommendations will be reported to the Cabinet Member for Environmental Sustainability and Regeneration for a decision. Please note that responses to any representations received will not be made until a final decision is made by the Cabinet Member.

The Council is required to give weight to the nature and content of your representations and not necessarily the quantity. Your reasons are, therefore, important to us.

A copy of the proposed TMO, a plan identifying the areas affected by the proposals and the Council’s Statement of Reasons can be inspected at the Merton Link, Merton Civic Centre, London Road, Morden, Surrey, SM4 5DX during the Council’s normal office hours Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm. A copy can also be inspected at Pollards Hill Library.

This information is available on Merton Council’s website, www.merton.gov.uk/abbottsroad.

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COLLISION ON 14/07/2008
V2 OPENED DOOR INTO PATH OF V1.
SLIGHT

COLLISION ON 01/06/2009
V1 STOPPED TO AVOID OPENED DOOR HITTING V3 PUSHING IT INTO V2.
SLIGHT

TRAFFIC SPEED (85%ILE) = 29.5 MPH
TRAFFIC VOLUME = 552 VEH/DAY

SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR

PROPOSED NEW SPEED CUSHIONS

LOCATION OF SPEED SURVEY

PROPOSED TRAFFIC CALMING - ABBOTTS ROAD _ 1 OF 2
COLLISION ON 04/07/2007
V2 FAILED TO STOP AND GIVE WAY
AND COLLIDED WITH V1.

SLIGHT
TRAFFIC SPEED (85% IILE) = 27.5 MPH
TRAFFIC VOLUME = 236 VEH/DAY

TRAFFIC SPEED (85% IILE) = 20.1 MPH
TRAFFIC VOLUME = 102 VEH/DAY

TRAFFIC SPEED (85% IILE) = 20.6 MPH
TRAFFIC VOLUME = 329 VEH/DAY

SCHOOL
KEEP CLEAR

PROPOSED RAISED SPEED TABLE WITH SHINING RESTRICTIONS

PROPOSED NEW SPEED CUSHIONS

EXISTING DISABLED PARKING BAY TO REMAIN

LOCATION OF SPEED SURVEY

PROPOSED TRAFFIC CALMING - ABBOTTS ROAD _ 2 OF 2