Pedestrian Crossing Facility
Commonside East

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Dear Residents

You may recall that the Council consulted you in July 2010, regarding proposals to implement a 20mph zone in the Commonside East area bounded by Cedars Avenue, Crossways Road, Camberidge Road, Tamworth Lane, Manor Road (excluded) and Commonside East (up to the junction with Commonside West).

During the consultation, residents within the area requested additional pedestrian crossing facilities at the junction of Commonside East/Cedars Avenue and on Commonside East between Manor Road and Cedars Avenue to enable pedestrians safely access Mitcham Common and the bus stops.

We are liaising with Transport for London (TfL) to add a pedestrian crossing stage to the existing traffic signalised junction of Commonside East/Cedars Avenue, as they are responsible for the maintenance and implementation of all traffic signals within London. Due to the high demand from other London Boroughs for similar requests to TfL, this can take up to two years for the facility to be implemented, subject to meeting TfL’s strict criteria.

With regards to the provision of a pedestrian crossing on Commonside East, between Manor Road and Cedars Avenue, I need to advise you that Mitcham Common falls under the jurisdiction of Mitcham Common Conservators. We are seeking their approval to convert part of the common land into footway for the proposed pedestrian crossing facility. If we are able to secure the land, the existing speed cushions within the vicinity of 207 Commonside East will be converted into a raised zebra crossing, with a footway leading to the bus stop opposite 217 Commonside East. The existing raised embankment along the edge of the carriageway will be moved to the back of the proposed footway to deter travellers from getting access to the common. If we DO NOT succeed in securing use of the land, then the existing speed cushion will be converted into a raised speed table only.

The proposed raised junction at Commonside East/Tamworth Park will be extended to serves as an uncontrolled pedestrian facility with footway (subject to Common Conservators’ approval) leading to the bus stop within the vicinity of 267 Commonside East.

These proposals will be funded from TfL’s allocation for the 2010/11 financial year, which will have to be utilised by 30 March 2011. Given the time constraints, it is necessary to undertake the statutory consultation in parallel of completing our discussions with the Common Conservators. Please note that there is no certainty that the Common Conservatives will agree to the proposals which will determine if the zebra crossing can be provided.

We are formally consulting you on the following:

1. The introduction of a raised speed table.
2. The introduction of a zebra crossing on the raised speed table (subject to land being acquired for the footway).

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

A Notice of the Council’s intentions to introduce the above measures will be published in the local newspaper and posted on lamp columns in the vicinity. Representation for and against must be done in writing to the Head of Street Scene and Waste Management Division, Merton Civic Centre, London Road, Morden, Surrey, SM4 5DX by no later than 20 December 2010, quoting reference ES/SGE/COMMONSIDE CROSSING.

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 representation 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.

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