Dear Resident/Business,

The purpose of this newsletter is to inform you that Merton Council has been successful in a bid to Transport for London (TfL) for funding a local safety scheme along Haydon’s Road. During the last three years ending April 2008 (latest available data) there have been 22 reported personal injury accidents. Of these, five were serious and seventeen slight. The proposed scheme is intended to improve road safety, particularly for vulnerable road users, whilst maintaining traffic movement and improve the overall quality of the local environment.

PROPOSALS

The Council is proposing the following measures:

**Junction Entry treatments**

Entry treatments attempt to raise driver awareness; reduce speed on approach to give way at junctions and improve the crossing provisions for pedestrians.

**Dropped Footway Surface upgrades at uncontrolled pedestrian crossing points (UPCP)**

Existing UPCPs will be upgraded with buff coloured tactile paving including ‘look Right’ and ‘Look Left’ road markings. The tactile paving will further assist the blind and partially sighted pedestrians and the markings will clearly define crossing points.

**Pedestrian Refuge Upgrades**

The upgrade of the existing pedestrian refuges to include - widening of existing islands; ‘Look Right’ and ‘Look Left’ road markings and tactile paving. This will provide added safety for pedestrians especially those with a pushchair or wheelchair users and raise the awareness of pedestrians crossing the carriageway. The refuge will also reduce road width and help reduce speed.

**New Red hatching**

The introduction of this feature will visually reduce the road width on approach to UPCPs and zebra crossings in Haydon’s Road.

**New “SLOW” road markings**

This feature at various locations along Haydon’s Road is to remind drivers to slow down.

**New Roundabout**

In order to reduce speed on approach to the junction of Haydon’s Road and North Road, a roundabout is proposed. There will be a loss of two parking spaces. Waiting restrictions within the immediate vicinity of the new roundabout is proposed.

A new uncontrolled crossing point close to the roundabout will accommodate pedestrian access to the local shops.

It is considered that these measures will provide a safer environment for all road users.

Please be advised that due to the A class nature of the road and the fact that it is a bus route and the Principal emergency route, speed reducing features such as vertical deflections are not considered appropriate. Horizontal deflections would involve the loss of large number of parking spaces and could cause congestion/delay.

A formal consultation will be carried out for the introduction of the proposed waiting restrictions within the immediate vicinity of the proposed roundabout.

A Notice of the Council’s intentions to make the Traffic Management Order (TMO) for the proposed yellow line restrictions will be published in the local newspaper; London Gazette and posted on lamp columns in the vicinity. Representations 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 31 October 2008.

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quoting reference ES/SGE/HAYDONS ROAD Anyone who opposes the scheme must state the grounds upon which their objection is made. We also welcome letters in support.

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.

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

Alternatively, this information can be viewed on Merton Council’s website, www.merton.gov.uk/lss_haydonsroad

Please note that the outcome of the consultation, along with officer’s recommendations will be reported to the Cabinet Member. Once a decision is made you will be informed accordingly.

Due to the nature of the remaining proposed features, a formal consultation is not required. The Council is proposing to programme the works and you will be informed of the timetable in due course. If you wish to comment on the proposals, please forward your comments in writing to Richardo Mckenley. We regret that due to number of responses received during a public consultation it will not be possible to individually reply to each respondent. We welcome your comments on this proposal, which will be noted and included within the proposed measures where appropriate.

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