Dear Resident/Business

The purpose of this newsletter is to inform you that Merton Council is proposing to improve the road crossing used by children in Abbotsbury Road at the junction with Blanchland Road.

In order to address these concerns and improve the service provided by the patrol officer and improve safety, the Council is proposing to construct a footway buildout on both sides of Abbotsbury Road, north of the school entrance near its junction with Blanchland Road. The construction will include tactile paving with a lowered kerb at the crossing point, and the associated flashing signs that will be installed at strategic points on Abbotsbury Road on both approaches to the crossing point. The proposal also includes red surfacing between the buildouts, in order to bring the drivers’ attention to the crossing point.

It is also proposed to convert the existing single yellow line at Abbotsbury Road and Blanchland Road junction to double yellow lines. This will improve access, sightlines and hence safety.

The intention of this proposal is to highlight the crossing point and improve safety for all road users, particularly for children.

The existing permit holder bay on the eastern side of Abbotsbury Road, north of the junction with Blanchland Road, will be reduced by a nominal amount to accommodate the proposed kerb buildout.

Please note that the proposed buildout will not affect driveways in the area.

This scheme is a 'Safer Routes to School' scheme funded by Transport for London. This road has been chosen because the school has shown a commitment to promoting sustainable modes of transport, by implementing a school travel plan. In respect of this, the scheme is not proposed in response to a history of accidents, although some aspects of the proposed measures may help prevent any future incidents and will certainly improve the environment for the pupils whilst crossing the road.

* Please see the drawing overleaf which shows details of the proposed buildout.