Dear Resident/Business

As per Administration’s manifesto and commitment to reduce speed and traffic, Merton Council has agreed to fund 20mph limits & 20mph Zones throughout the borough. Cecil Road area has been identified as one of the areas that is being considered for a 20mph limit.

A 20mph limit or 20mph zone is a dedicated area where improving safety and maintaining the quality of life for local residents takes precedence over the general objective to ease traffic movement. Traffic speeds within this area is not to exceed 20mph.

For a 20mph zone, traffic calming features in the form of road humps; speed cushions; road closures; one way roads; pedestrian refuge islands and road narrowings would have to be introduced to achieve a legal and self-enforceable zone. A 20mph limit, however, does not require any traffic calming features as part of the legal requirements except for the introduction of the appropriate signs, which are mounted at all the entry points into the area and road markings.

PROPOSALS

To convert this area into a 20mph zone, additional traffic calming measures would have to be installed at a maximum distance of 100 metres as per the regulations. Due to the fact that for this area, it would mean the implementation of traffic calming features, it has been agreed to consider the introduction of a 20mph limit rather than a 20mph zone.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

A Notice of the Council’s intentions to make the Traffic Management Order (TMO) for the above measures 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 26 September 2008, quoting reference ES/SGE/CECIL20MPH.

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 Wimbledon Library and at Merton Link, Merton Civic Centre, London Road, Morden, Surrey during the Council’s working hours, Monday to Friday, between 9am and 5pm.

Please note that the outcome of the consultation, along with officers’ recommendations will be reported to either the Street Management Advisory Committee on 4 November 2008 or, if appropriate, earlier to the Cabinet Member for a decision. Once a decision is made, you would be informed accordingly via a newsletter.
If you require further information, please contact Edward Quartey on 020 8545 3835 or email edward.quartey@merton.gov.uk. Alternatively you can visit our website using the following www.merton.gov.uk/cecilroad20mph.

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