Dear Residents

As you may be aware, for some time drivers have chosen to park half on and half off the footway along Haydon’s Road in order to safeguard their vehicles from possible damage from passing traffic, and also to help reduce traffic congestion in the area. Even though this parking trend is sensible, it is not at present legal, as no traffic signs and carriageway markings are in place.

Your Council have now put together proposals, shown on the plan overleaf, to regulate the parking along this short stretch of Haydon’s Road so that this footway parking activity can be carried out lawfully. The amount of available parking spaces along Haydon’s Road will remain the same as at present, and the footway area will remain sufficiently wide so that a minimum unobstructed width for pedestrians of at least 1.5m is retained.

Please note, these proposed parking amendments are completely independent from the nearby controlled parking zone, so local residents, businesses and visitors to the area will be able to continue to park free of charge. The proposed parking bays will only serve to identify where it is safe to park. No additional parking or waiting restrictions are proposed in this area.

In addition to these improvements, a further opportunity to reduce congestion in the area has been identified. At present drivers wishing to turn left from Haydon’s Road into Merton High Street can be delayed by the single queue of traffic waiting to turn right at the same junction. It is therefore proposed to marginally cut back the footway on the east side of Haydon’s Road to widen the carriageway slightly. The extra carriageway space will allow two lanes of traffic to safely queue on the approach to the junction with Merton High Street, whereas at present only one queue of traffic can manage to do so. Details of this proposal are also included on the plan overleaf.

LET US KNOW YOUR VIEWS

Please return the enclosed prepaid questionnaire with any comments by Friday 23 November 2007. It is also possible to post comments on-line where details of the scheme and consultation can be viewed at www.merton.gov.uk/haydonsroad. Following this consultation exercise it is proposed to take the results to the Street Management Advisory Committee on 15 January 2008 to seek approval to proceed with the scheme.

If you would like any further information, or would like to discuss the scheme generally, please do not hesitate to contact Tony Robinson, Senior Engineer, Traffic and Parking on 020 8545 3224.

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