The result of the consultation will be reported to the Council’s Street Management Advisory Committee along with the views and recommendations of Council officers and a final decision will be made by the Cabinet Member for Environment and Street Management. As soon as a decision has been made you will be informed accordingly via a newsletter.

You can view the plans in Wimbledon Library or Merton Link, Merton Civic Centre, Morden. Alternatively you can download files from the Merton website www.merton.gov.uk/lcnbishopsford

**What happens next?**

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**INFORMAL CONSULTATION**

**Proposed Cycle Facilities**

**Bishopsford Road**

**Dear Resident / Business**

The purpose of this leaflet is to inform you that Merton Council is proposing to introduce cycle facilities in Bishopsford Road as part of the development of the London Cycle Network, funded by Transport for London.

This proposal is part of the proposed 900km of London wide cycle routes and is proposed to make it easier, safer and more convenient for cyclist to use Bishopsford Road which forms part of the London wide network. The development of the cycle network is intended to increase peoples’ choice of realistic and affordable forms of transport.

The scheme proposals fall into two key components:

- **Cycle facilities along Bishopsford Road from Seddon Road to the Wandle Bridge**

  The introduction of shared use footways for pedestrian and cyclist is proposed on both sides of Bishopsford Road between Seddon Road down to the Poulter Park Entrance. The existing Pelican crossing outside Nos. 96/98 will be converted to a Toucan crossing (combined pedestrian and cycle crossing). A new Toucan crossing is proposed outside Nos. 40/42 and from this point down to the Wandle Bridge the shared use footway will continue on the west side only (same side as Wandle Road) although the element of this scheme will be deferred pending approval of the Poulter Park route.

  The footway outside the Hillfield Parade shops will be widened and the service road will be replaced by a lay-by outside the shops. This will provide sufficient width to create an environmental improvement outside the shops and an attractive and safer environment for pedestrians and cyclists.

  The junction raised entry treatments will help to reduce vehicle entry speeds and improve conditions for pedestrians crossing the side roads. These measures could be installed independently of the other measures. The entry treatments at Seddon Road and Pollard Road have already been introduced as part of a general street improvement.

- **New Pedestrian / Cycle bridge across the River Wandle**

  A new pedestrian and cycle bridge is proposed across the River Wandle within the open space next to Ravensbury Park. This new bridge will provide a quicker and attractive access to Ravensbury Park from Bishopsford Road for both cyclist and pedestrians by avoiding the existing narrow footway across the road bridge which will remain.

**How to make your views count**

Before proceeding further the Council would like your views on the proposals. Please refer to the plan overleaf for further details of proposals.

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