Dear Resident/Business

As per Administration’s manifesto and commitment to reduce speed of traffic throughout the borough, Merton Council has successfully obtained funding from Transport for London (TfL) for the introduction of a 20mph zone in your area. The proposed Zone comprises of Lake Road; St Marys Rd; Leeward Gdns; Brockham Close; Pine Grove; Church Hill; St Aubyns Ave; Richards Rd; Leopold Ave; Helme Close and Lake Close.

A 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 speed within this zone is not to exceed 20mph and a zone must be self-enforcing. To achieve this, traffic calming features must be introduced.

PROPOSALS

For the successful introduction of a 20mph Zone, which must be self-enforcing, Merton Council is proposing the measures as shown on the enclosed plans. For the proposed zone to comply with the Regulations for the introduction of a 20mph zone, speed-reducing features are necessary. The proposals include cushions; junction entry treatments; road narrowings- build outs and virtual build outs with alternate give way working system. Every effort has been made to minimise the number of features and the loss of on street parking. The proposals also include the necessary associated signage and road markings.

Additionally, as part of the Safer Routes to School project, TfL have agreed to fund the introduction of a speed table in Lake Road. This will involve the removal of the existing speed cushions from outside the school.

It should also be noted that although there are speed reducing features on Lake Road, for the purpose of the 20mph zone, it is necessary to modify the existing speed cushions. These modifications are detailed on the plan.

LET US KNOW YOUR VIEWS

The decision on whether or not to proceed with the next step, which would involve a formal consultation on the proposals, will be subject to the responses received during this informal consultation. Please note that subject to the results of the consultation and feedback, the extent of the proposed zone may change to reflect the views of residents of individual roads.

Please complete and return the enclosed prepaid questionnaire (no stamp required), with any further comments / suggestions by 19 September 2008. Additionally there will be an exhibition where you can speak to officers regarding these proposals. Please see over page for exhibition details.

We regret that due to the number of responses received during a public consultation it will not be possible to individually respond to each respondent. We welcome your comments on this proposal, which will be noted and included within the proposed measures where appropriate.
WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

The results 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 will be informed accordingly via a newsletter.

CONTACT US

If you require further information please contact Waheed Alam on 020 8545 3200 or email waheed.alam@merton.gov.uk. Alternatively you can visit our website using the following link www.merton.gov.uk/lakeroad20mph. You may also view the plans in Merton Link at Merton Civic Centre, Morden during our working hours, Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm.

EXHIBITION INVITE

You may wish to attend one of our public exhibitions to be held at:

Wimbledon Library (Meeting Room)
35 Wimbledon Hill Road, SW19 7NB

at the following times:
Thursday 11th September 2008 10am - 7pm
Saturday 13th September 2008 10am - 4pm