Dear Resident / Business,

PROPOSALS

In recent months significant changes have been made to the layout of Mitcham Town Centre. Improvements have included the construction of new accessible bus stops; a new loading facility outside of nos. 12-14 Upper Green East; new street lighting; selective removal and renewal of street furniture, including guard railings and signs; new grass verges, and a new high quality footway and carriageway surface.

Concern still remains, however, over the safety of the junction of the Langdale Parade unmade accessway with Upper Green East. The northern end of this accessway facilitates vehicle movements which are in conflict with heavy pedestrian activity in the town centre. The accessway is frequently used by vehicles seeking to avoid the traffic lights at the junction of Upper Green East with London Road, and is often blocked by vehicles loading and unloading in the pedestrian area. It is therefore proposed to close the accessway at its northern end only.

This closure cannot be carried out in isolation and is, therefore, supported by a package of additional measures to assist the needs and movement of traffic in the area. A closure of the accessway at the northern end will mean that all vehicle movements into and out of the accessway will be via the southern end of Langdale Avenue only. It is also proposed to make Langdale Avenue a “no entry” (except cycles) at a point east of the accessway to help reduce traffic movements at the junction of London Road with Langdale Avenue. Drivers wishing to access the residential section of Langdale Avenue from London Road will have to travel via Elmwood Road. Access to London Road from the residential section of Langdale Avenue will continue via both Langdale Avenue and Elmwood Road. Details are shown on plan Z57/245/006 overleaf.

Additionally, it is proposed to install a new 25 metre loading bay along the wide section of footway on Upper Green East. The new loading bay is proposed to operate 24 hours per day and will be restricted to 20 minutes of loading with no return within 2 hours. The new bay will provide traders on Upper Green East, as well as traders along the northern section of London Road with a dedicated and safe loading facility which is much needed in the area.

LET US KNOW YOUR VIEWS

We now welcome your comments on these proposals. Please note that this scheme cannot be delivered in part and can only be treated as a complete package. If you would like to make any representations either for or against this scheme this 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 Friday 4th November 2011, quoting reference ES/SGE/MTC-LANGDALE.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

Following this period of consultation, a report will be prepared for the Cabinet Member for Environmental Sustainability and Regeneration where a decision will be taken on whether or not to proceed with the scheme.

If in the interim period you require any further information please contact Tony Robinson of the Traffic and Highway Services Department on 020 8545 3224 or email tony.robinson@merton.gov.uk. Information is also available at www.merton.gov.uk/mtc_langdale
PROPOSED CHANGES TO LANGDALE AVENUE AND LANGDALE PARADE ACCESS ROAD

Footway area to be resurfaced with artificial stone paving as recently used elsewhere in Mitcham Town Centre.

New 25 metre long loading bay situated off of carriageway allowing “20 minutes of loading – no return within 2 hours”.

Unmade private access road. Please note this road is not public highway and as such cannot be resurfaced at Council expense.

Vehicular closure of access road at junction with Upper Green East using steel bollards.

"No Entry" (except cyclists) into Langdale Avenue from a point outside 1 Langdale Avenue. This will help to reduce traffic movements at the junction of Langdale Avenue with London Road permitting the closure of the access road at the junction with Upper Green East.

Vehicular access to residential section of Langdale Avenue from London Road will be via Elmwood Road only.