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.

The decision to implement can be influenced by the responses received during this consultation. Please be sure to complete your enclosed prepaid reply card and return it together with any further comments and suggestions you may have by Friday 16 May 2008.

Please note: In view of the number of responses received during public consultation exercises it will not be possible to reply individually to each respondent.

What happens next

The result of the consultation will be reported to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Street Management along with the views and recommendations of Council officers for a final decision. 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/lcnnorthroad

Dear Resident / Business

The purpose of this leaflet is to inform you that Merton Council is proposing to introduce cycle facilities in North 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 cyclists to use North Road that 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 are as follows:

- **Cycle facilities along North Road**

The proposals are for a new pedestrian refuge located in North Road to provide a pedestrian facility and cycle right turn lane with widening of the existing footpath to promote a shared use facility for pedestrians and cyclists.

The location for the new pedestrian refuge will be opposite the existing footpaths. The widened section of existing footway will be located behind Property’s Nos.1-7 Battle Close. Please refer to the plan overleaf for further details.

The footway widening along with a new central island pedestrian refuge in North Road will improve facilities and provide a safer environment for pedestrians who currently use the area as a crossing point to link up with existing footpaths. It will in turn provide a suitable opportunity for westbound cyclists using North Road to turn right onto the widened footpath and for southbound cyclists to exit the shared facility more safely and follow the existing cycle network. The new right turn lane will be providing a safe link for cyclists travelling along North Road following the existing London Cycle Network.

Advanced cycle markings will be provided for visual impact to inform road users of the presence of cyclists in the area. These will be located when entering North Road in a westerly direction from East Road, and in advance of the new pedestrian refuge on North Road for eastbound users.

Advanced warning of the shared facility will also be made clear to users by the use of special Tactile paving.

New lengths of dropped kerbing will be provided at the crossing points, which make it easier for pedestrians and cyclists to access. Particularly those with disabilities.