Dear Resident / Business,

The purpose of this consultation document is to seek your views on proposals to introduce waiting restrictions within your area. The Council carries out careful consultation to ensure that all road users are given a fair opportunity to give their views and express their needs on parking proposals. The parking needs of the residents and visitors are given consideration but it is considered that maintaining safe access must take priority.

The measures will help to improve safety for all road users and will ensure that access is maintained at all times. The proposed waiting restrictions will improve visibility and provide clear access for all road users particularly vulnerable road users such as pedestrians, push chairs and wheelchair users who for example may wish to make proper use of the section of dropped kerb at junctions.

PROPOSED CHANGES
The following changes are proposed and shown on the enclosed drawing (Z27/584/01).

- It is proposed to introduce No Waiting ‘At Any Time’ restrictions at all the junctions and accesses along The Downs. Also, it is proposed to extend the No Waiting At Any Time’ on the east side of The Downs from 10 metres to a point beyond the vehicle crossover of property no. 2 to improve access and visibility from Ridgway. This will help to relieve congestion on Ridgway by improving access to The Downs.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT
A Notice of the Council’s intentions to make the relevant Traffic Management Orders (TMOs) for the required changes will be published in the local newspaper, London Gazette and posted on lamp columns in the vicinity. Representations for and against the proposals 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 25 March 2010.

Anyone who opposes the proposals must state the grounds upon which their objection is made. We also welcome letters in support. The Council is required to give weight to the nature and content of your representations and not necessarily the quantity. Your reasons are therefore important to us.

A copy of the draft TMO, a plan identifying the area affected by the proposal and the Council’s ‘Statement of Reasons’ can be inspected at the Merton Link, Merton Civic Centre, London Road, Morden, Surrey, during the Council’s normal office hours Mondays to Fridays, 9am to 5pm.

The result of the consultation along with officers’ recommendations will be presented in a report to Street Management Advisory Committee and the Cabinet Member for Environment and Traffic Management. Once a decision is made you will be informed accordingly. Please note that responses to any representations received will not be made until the final decision is made.

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