Dear Resident/Business

In line with Merton’s commitment to reduce vehicular speeds through 20mph zones and 20mph speed limits, funding has been allocated for 2008/09 financial year to convert existing traffic calmed roads within the borough into 20mph zones / speed limits. West Barnes area bounded by West Barnes Lane (south), the railway line and West Barnes Lane (east - not included) has been identified as one that is suitable for a 20mph speed Zone.

A 20mph Zone is a dedicated area where improving the safety and maintaining the quality of life for local residents takes precedence over the general objective to ease traffic movement. Traffic speeds within this area are not to exceed 20mph.

A speed survey that was carried out in July 2008, recorded the following average speed of vehicles during that period.

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<th>Road</th>
<th>Direction 1</th>
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<td>Seaforth Avenue</td>
<td>South-westbound = 21.6</td>
<td>North-eastbound = 22.5</td>
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<td>West Barnes Lane (South)</td>
<td>Westbound = 25.9</td>
<td>Eastbound = 24.3</td>
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<td>Phyliss Avenue</td>
<td>South-westbound = 18.9</td>
<td>North-eastbound = 16.1</td>
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<td>Adela Avenue</td>
<td>South-westbound = 19.7</td>
<td>North-eastbound = 20</td>
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Most of the roads within the proposed area have existing traffic calming features in the form of road humps or speed cushions.

PROPOSALS
To convert this area into a 20mph zone in accordance with the legal requirements, additional traffic calming measures would be required on Douglas Avenue (2 sets of speed cushions), Estella Avenue (3 sets of speed cushions) and West Barnes Lane (6 sets of speed cushions). In addition to this, the existing zebra crossing within the vicinity of 359 West Barnes Lane would be raised to the same level as the footway, i.e it would be placed on a speed table.

It would also be necessary to introduce the appropriate signs and road markings at the entry/exit points to the proposed zone.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?
A Notice of the Council’s intentions to introduce the above measures will be published in the local newspaper and posted on lamp columns in the vicinity. Representations for and against 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 5 December 2008, quoting reference ES/SGE/WESTBARNES20MPHZONE.

Anyone who opposes the scheme must state the grounds upon which their objections is made. Those who support the scheme are also encouraged to make representations.

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Please note that responses to any representation received will not be made until a final decision is made by the Cabinet Member. 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 plan identifying the area affected by the proposal can be inspected at West Barnes Library and at Merton Link, Merton Civic Centre, London Road, Morden, Surrey during the Council’s working hours, Monday to Friday, between 9am and 5pm.

Please note that the outcome of the consultation, along with officers’ recommendations will be reported to the Cabinet Member for a decision. Once a decision is made, you would be informed accordingly via a newsletter.

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