Parklets

July 2021

Merton Council are working with local businesses to support our high streets recovery from Covid-19 restrictions. The council have been awarded a Central Government Grant to deliver 8 new parklets across the borough to support economic recovery as well as contribute to improved air quality, vibrancy and giving more space back for pedestrians.

What is a parklet?

A parklet is a temporary structure that occupy parking bays. They positively transform streets by providing additional space, seating and planting, all of which contribute to the vibrancy of a street.

To facilitate the parklets, it is necessary to temporarily remove access to a small number of parking bays. This is being done under a new Experimental Traffic Order that will remain in place for no more than 18 months. See overleaf for more details.

The consultation will remain open for 6 months. To find out more about the 8 new parklets and provide feedback, please use the online service using the Council's website:

www.merton.gov.uk/parklets

The council are working with FM Conway and Meristem Design to design and deliver this exciting initiative across the borough.



The first parklet of 8 delivered on the High Street, Wimbledon



Merton High Street [outside Cedar and Merton cafe & wine]

This parklet is one of eight parklets being delivered across the borough. It will suspend five parking bays outside the Cedar restaurant and Merton cafe & wine on Merton High Street in line with the approved seating license.

The order will come into effect on **Friday 9th July 2021** and remain in place for no more than 18 months. The consultation will be open for 6 months. Please use the online service to provide feedback on the Council's website below.



Location of parklet structure highlighted in red

Outline programme for all parklets

JUNE

Early July

- Experimental Traffic Order issued for all remaining seven parklets
- Kings Road parklet delivered [side of the Old Frizzle Pub]
- Coombe Lane parklet delivered [outside Lime & Thyme]

Mid July

- Quicks Road parklet delivered [outside Bonjour Brioche and Chocolaterie]
- The Rush parklet delivered [along Merton Park Parade]

JULY

End of July

- Merton High Street parklet delivered [outside Cedar restaurant and Merton cafe & wine]
- Abbotsbury Road parklet delivered [at London Road junction]

After July

- Kingston Road parklet delivered [south side of Raynes Park Bridge underpass]
- Whilst our first phase of parklets are to support the hospitality sector, the Council will also be supporting community led parklets as a second phase of the project using Neighbourhood CIL more details to follow.

AUGUST