Dear Resident

GAP ROAD-ASHCOMBE ROAD JUNCTION-ROAD WORKS

Recently the Council displayed street notices around the junction of Gap Road with Ashcombe Road informing the public of a Road safety scheme which has been proposed and approved by the Cabinet Member for Environmental Sustainability and Regeneration. The proposal in brief can be summarised as:

• To implement a raised junction table upon which a new mini roundabout will be marked. It is anticipated that the proposals will increase road safety at the junction for all road users.
• To introduce Waiting and loading restrictions around the same junction for the safe operation of the mini roundabout.

The Council is now writing to inform you that the road works are programmed to start on 4th January 2012 and anticipated to finish by the end of January 2012. This as you will appreciate is dependent on the weather. For details on the scheme proposals please visit www.merton.gov.uk/gap_ashcombe.

The work is to be carried out in 2 stages as follows:

Stage 1
The running lane on Gap Road closest to the junction with Ashcombe Road will be closed off across the junction. This will mean that no traffic can enter or leave Ashcombe Road at this junction and Gap Road will operate with one lane using temporary traffic lights in the vicinity of the works. Work within the closed off section will be completed within 1-2 weeks.

Stage 2
On completion of Stage 1 works, Ashcombe Road junction together with the lane closed off in Stage 1 works will be reopened to traffic whilst the opposite lane on Gap Road is closed off. Again Gap Road will operate under temporary traffic lights whilst work is carried out.

Date and Time of Works
As all work is to be carried out with the use of temporary traffic lights (which will remain operational throughout the duration of the works), the Council will endeavour to complete the works as quickly as possible, however this does mean the Contractor may start work from 7.00 in the morning. Your patience is appreciated during this time.

Traffic Management and Access Arrangements
The Council has erected signs at key junctions informing drivers of the works and it is anticipated that many will heed to the warning of likely queues and therefore choose alternative routes away from the area. However, please note that for those that do not have viable alternative route options they may resort to using adjacent roads to circumvent the road closure at Ashcombe Road. The Council appreciates your understanding in this matter and will sign diversions during the 1-2 weeks when traffic will not be allowed to enter or leave Ashcombe Road at its junction with Gap Road.

Further Information and Contact Details for the Works
The officers looking after these works are -
Waheed Alam– Merton Council Design Engineer / Implementation: 020 8545 3200
Gus Smith– FM Conway Ltd: 07748 632920 / 020 8636 8822

Merton Council and F M Conway Ltd apologise in advance for any inconvenience caused by these works.
F.M. Conway Ltd and Merton Council undertake to carry out this work:

With Care
The work will be carried out safely and to a high standard

In a Clean Manner
Roads and footpaths affected by the works will be kept tidy

With Consideration for the Local Community
Noisy and disruptive work will be kept to a minimum