# Merton High Street-Stepped Cycle Lane



**Statutory consultation** March 2023

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Cabinet Member for Transport



## Dear Resident / Business,

The purpose of this newsletter is to inform you that Merton Council will be upgrading the existing mandatory cycle lane facility along Merton High Street between Haydon's Road and the Bus Garage by upgrading it to a stepped cycle track.

The stepped cycle track will offer cyclists more protection from vehicular traffic by offering segregation using kerb heights of between 50-75mm. The kerb height will allow vehicles to mount the cycle track when required- for example to make way for the emergency services. The stepped cycle track can also be mounted for loading / unloading where time restrictions in specific locations allow.

Other measures to help facilitate and safeguard cyclists are shown on the plan overleaf and include:

- The bus stand opposite Merton bus garage will be relocated 20 metres north-eastwards. This will improve safety
  for all road users by removing the pinch point that currently exists due to its proximity to the bus stop on the other
  side on the road.
- All bus stop cages will be extended to comply with the bus stop accessibility guidance which will allow buses to pull up parallel and tight to the kerb allowing effective use of the bus stop facilities.
- Existing loading restrictions outside number 30 Merton High Street will be replaced with "no loading at any time".
   There is an alternative loading / unloading facility nearby in Abbey Road. This element of the scheme requires a statutory consultation.

## The statutory consultation will start on 16th March 2023

A Notice of the Council's proposals to change the existing loading restrictions outside number 30 Merton High Street will be published in Wimbledon and Wandsworth Times and the London Gazette. Notices will also be posted on lamp columns in the vicinity. Representations for and against the proposals described in this Notice must be put in writing – either email <a href="mailto:Traffic.AndHighways@merton.gov.uk">Traffic.AndHighways@merton.gov.uk</a> or write to the E&R Department, Traffic & Highways, Merton Civic Centre, London Road, Morden, Surrey, SM4 5DX by no later than 6th April 2023, quoting reference ES/MHS/Loading23

Objections must relate only to the elements of the scheme that is subject to this statutory consultation. All representations along with Officers' comments and recommendations will be presented in a report to the Cabinet Member for Transport. Please note that responses to any representations received will not be made until after the Cabinet Member has made a final decision. The Council is required to give weight to the nature and content of your representation and not necessarily the quantity. Your reasons are, therefore, important to us. This information is also available on Merton Council's website <a href="https://www.merton.gov.uk/streets-parking-transport/traffic-management/cycle-network-cycle-lanes/Stepped Cycle Track">www.merton.gov.uk/streets-parking-transport/traffic-management/cycle-network-cycle-lanes/Stepped Cycle Track</a>.

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