LONDON BOROUGH OF MERTON

EXPERIMENTAL PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLE ZONE

<u>The Merton (Pedestrian and Cycle Zone) (High Street, Wimbledon) (No. 2)</u> <u>Experimental Traffic Order 2020</u>

STATEMENT OF REASONS

The above Order is considered necessary for the local farmers' market to grow and thrive in an on-street setting and to create a better environment for the local community and visitors. This is of particular relevance during the current Covid-19 pandemic as the greater space afforded to the market in comparison to its previous location allows for less congestion and the opportunity for current social spacing standards to be more readily complied with by both traders and the public generally.

The main reason for proceeding by way of an Experimental Traffic Order is to assess the effects of the proposal for a trial period before consideration is given to whether the provisions of the Experimental Traffic Order should be made permanent.