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COVID-19 - LOW TRAFFIC NEIGHBOURHOODS (LTN) LINKS ROAD NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH HAILSHAM ROAD - EXPERIMENTAL ROAD CLOSURE

Proposed Road Closure

As part of Merton's response in maintaining social distancing, removing rat running and to encourage safe walking and cycling, we will be introducing a temporary road closure on Links Road near its junction with Hailsham Road. The proposal will include free standing planters, lockable removeable bollards for use only by the emergency services and authorised vehicles and double yellow line waiting restrictions to enable drivers to turn around without obstruction from park vehicles.

Consultation process

The proposed measure is being introduced under an Experimental Traffic Management Order:

- This allows the Council to implement the restrictions during the consultation period.
- It allows the Council to assess and monitor the restrictions and its impact.
- It will enable the residents and other road users to experience the restrictions, thereby allowing them to make informed comments.

The restrictions and the Order will be in place for a maximum of **18 months**. Anyone can object and make representations within the first six months (the statutory/formal consultation period) of the experimental Order coming into force and the implementation of the works. Consultees (mainly residents) are encouraged to make their comments at least 3 months <u>after</u> implementation. Consultees will have 6 months to respond to the consultation. All representations will be considered prior to making a final decision which could include its removal, making any necessary modifications or making it permanent.

Street notices will also be erected within the vicinity of the proposals to inform residents and road users of the start of the restrictions and the statutory consultation.

All available information including updates will be posted on the website. All representations must be made on line using the following link. Please note that you may not be able to submit any comments until end of September 2020. https://www.merton.gov.uk/covid-19-transport-projects

A response <u>will not</u> be made until the consultation is concluded and a final decision is made. The Council will monitor the situation and will make the appropriate adjustments if and when necessary.

Date and Time of Works

Implementation of the proposal may be as soon as **7 September 2020**, weather permitting. See the general layout plan overleaf.

Further Information and Contact Details for the Works

The people looking after these works are:

James Geeson Merton Council Engineer: 02085453054

Gus Smith FM Conway Ltd, Contract Manager 07748632920 / 02086368822

FM Conway will erect information boards on site and their staff will be able to update you on the progress as the works proceed. Please adhere to the social distancing rules.

