

London Road Mitcham cycling improvements

From Bishopsford Road and the new Mitcham Bridge to Tramway Path.



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Dear Resident / Business,

The purpose of this newsletter is to inform you that Merton Council will be improving cycling facilities along London Road from Bishopsford Road to Tramway Path / Morden Road junction.

These improvements will involve constructing a segregated cycle lane which will integrate with the new Mitcham Bridge (Bishopsford Rd Bridge) making it a safer and more attractive route for cyclists. The scheme will also provide fully segregated cycle lanes on Mitcham Bridge. The project has been able to progress utilising the Council's Community Infrastructure Levy allocated in 2020 after the new Mitcham Bridge received planning permission. Specifically, the works will consist of:

- Kerb segregated cycle lane between Tramway Path and Mitcham Bridge. The kerb will have an upstand of between 50-75mm protecting cyclists from motor traffic. Emergency services can mount the cycle lane if required. Where the cycle lane crosses junctions and crossovers the kerb will be flush with the carriageway.
- Providing a bus stop bypass by widening the footway at the bus stop and installing a kerb segregated cycle track behind the relocated shelter. A dedicated crossing point for bus passengers and design features that encourage slower cycling will make the bus stop comfortable for all users.
- Installing a raised entry treatment at the junction with Riverside Drive. This will provide a convenient level crossing and will slow vehicular speed.
- The introduction of double yellow lines along the extent of the cycle lane to prevent vehicles from obstructing it.
- Conversion of footway to shared-use space on the northern extent of the London Road on its approach to Morden Road junction. Dropped Kerb access will allow cyclists to ride a short section of the footpath to gain safe access to the cycle Advanced Stop Line during busy periods at the signalised junction.

Please see plan overleaf. This information plus a bigger plan is also available on the website

[Rebuilding Bishopsford Road bridge: about the project \(merton.gov.uk\)](https://www.merton.gov.uk)

To minimise disruption works are planned to commence in August 2021 in time for the re-opening of the bridge. Further information will be provided in due course.

None of the above elements except for the proposed double yellow lines and formalising footway parking require a statutory consultation and you will receive the corresponding notification shortly; meanwhile we welcome any comments you may have on the scheme design by emailing Traffic.AndHighways@merton.gov.uk or by writing to Traffic & Highways, Merton Civic Centre, London Road, Morden, Surrey, SM4 5DX by no later than 16th July 2021. Where possible design comments will be considered within the final design. Please note that individual responses to comments will not be made.

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