Balfour Road / Merton Road Junction Improvements



ISSUE DATE: 19 JULY 2019

Dear Resident/Business,

Following a number of complaints about the junction of Balfour Road and Merton Road, the Council is proposing a number of improvements as set out below and shown on the plan overleaf.

The proposed measures include:

- Narrowing of the junction which will reduce the width of Balfour Road. This will reduce the width of the carriageway pedestrians need to cross and it will provide wider footways
- 2. In the absence of allocated left and right turn lanes, it is likely to prove unattractive for those few who may choose to rat run
- 3. It will prevent those who are in contravention of the One Way restriction
- 4. Introduce trees on both sides on approach to the junction
- 5. Declutter existing signs and posts as much as possible
- 6. There will be no loss of parking
- 7. The junction will be subject to a junction entry treatment that is pedestrian friendly and will slow drivers on approach to the junction

What happens next

STATUTORY CONSULTATION

As a rule, highway improvements as set out above are not subject to a consultation. The only aspect of the proposal that is subject to a statutory consultation is the junction entry treatment as set out in point 7 above.

The Council intends to undertake the Statutory consultation for the introduction of the proposed junction entry treatment between 19 July 2019 and 16 August 2019. The consultation would involve publications in the local newspaper (The Wimbledon Times) and London Gazette with Notices on the lamp columns in the road.

Please note that a statutory consultation is NOT a tick box exercise. You must make your representations for or against the proposal described in the Notice in writing to trafficandhighways@merton.gov. uk. Please quote reference ES/BalfourJunct. Representations must be received no later than 16th August 2019.

www.merton.gov.uk

This information can also be viewed on our website using the following link

www.merton.gov.uk/BalfourRdEntrytreatment

All representations along with officer's recommendations will be presented in a report to the Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Housing and Transport for his consideration and a final decision. Please note that responses to any representations received will NOT be made until a final decision is made by the Cabinet Member.

The Council is required to give weight to the nature and content of your representations and not the quantity. Your reasons for or against the junction entry treatment are therefore important.

A copy of the Notice and plan identifying the area affected by the proposal can be inspected at Merton Link, Merton Civic Centre, London Road, Morden, Surrey during the Council's working hours, Monday to Friday, between 9am and 5pm.

A copy of the proposal can also be inspected at Wimbledon Library, 35 Wimbledon Hill Road, Wimbledon SW19 7NB.

Information Only.

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