

Dear Resident / Business,

To support the hospitality sector recover from Covid-19 restrictions, Merton Council is supporting business who wish to extend seating areas onto the public highway. In many cases, this includes pavement licences for tables and chairs on the footway.

We are also working with businesses across Merton, supported by Government grants to introduce parklets in some locations to provide additional seating capacity. Parklets are temporary wooden structures and planters which occupy parking bays and provide additional space for outside dining.

Parklets are not only part of the Council's commitment to supporting economic recovery, they also contribute to improved air quality, vibrancy and sense of place as well as reducing vehicle dominance in the street scene.

We are working with Light on the Common to introduce a parklet in Wimbledon Village High Street. To facilitate this parklet, it is necessary to temporary remove the 2 pay and display parking bays outside Light on the Common as shown on the plan. This is being done under a new Experimental Order. The Order will come into effect on 11th June 2021 and will remain in place for no more than 18 months. The consultation will remain open for 6 months. To provide feedback, please use the online service using the Council's website [COVID-19 transport projects \(merton.gov.uk\)](https://www.merton.gov.uk/covid-19-transport-projects)

The Council is working with FM Conway to deliver this parklet and in order for the works to be carried out as quickly as possible, temporary parking restrictions may be introduced where "No Parking" cones and signs will be in place to indicate the areas where parking is prohibited to facilitate these works. Phase one (the hard standing and the perimeter feature) of the works are due to commence on Friday 11th June and will be completed on Monday 14th June 2021. Phase two (planters and Perspex) will be carried out toward the end of June.

We apologise for any inconvenience that may be caused. The Council and your local traders would appreciate your support.

