Central Road near Recreational Grounds Entrance Pedestrian Refuge Island Upgrade



Statutory Consultation Newsletter July 2024

Cllr Stephen Alambritis MBE Cabinet Member for Transport



Proposed improvements

Please be advised that on behalf of our Public Health department, we plan to upgrade the existing pedestrian refuge island in Central Rd near to the recreational grounds entrance. *Please see plan overleaf.*

The measures will include improved pedestrian accessibility and safety, by widening the island and adjacent lowered kerbs with new tactile paving to assist those with visual impairments. These changes do not require a statutory consultation.

However, to facilitate this upgrade, it will be necessary to alter and introduce additional parking restrictions in form of double yellow line waiting restrictions for improved visibility and the passing of traffic, and the removal of a disused disabled bay. It is these changes which will require a statutory consultation. The consultation does not apply to the actual changes to the refuge island itself.

Statutory Consultation

A Notice of the Council's proposals will be published in the Wimbledon and Wandsworth Times and the London Gazette. Notices will also be posted on lamp columns in the vicinity. It will commence on 18th July 2024.

Although we welcome support, representations against the proposals, as prescribed in the Notices, must be put in writing, either by email <u>Traffic.AndHighways@merton.gov.uk</u> or in a letter to the Environment, Civic Pride and Climate department, Future Merton, Civic Centre, London Road, Morden, SM4 5DX. The deadline for responses to the statutory consultation is **9th August 2024**. Please quote reference **ES/CentralRd/Refuge** and ensure to include your full postal address.

Please note that objections must only relate to the elements of the scheme that are subject to this statutory consultation as outlined above and on the plan overleaf. Representations along with Officers' comments and recommendations will be presented in a report to the Cabinet Member for Transport. Responses to any representations received will not be made until after the Cabinet Member has made a final decision. The Council is required to give weight to the nature and content of your representation and not necessarily the quantity. Once a decision is made you will be informed via a newsletter and the website will be updated accordingly.

This information is also available on Merton Council's website and will be updated as the scheme progresses. https: www.merton.gov.uk/CentralRdRefuge

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