

Response to Wimbledon Community Forum Motions to Council December 2016

Cycling

Work to improve cycling infrastructure in the Wimbledon area continues. With regards to the Clapham Common to Wimbledon Quietway we are expecting to install ecologically friendly sensor lighting in January 2017. The locations are Garfield Recreation Ground, Wandle Meadow Nature Reserve and the Wandle trail both south and north of Plough Lane.

Another Quietway (Wimbledon to Raynes Park) is currently being developed and we are currently looking in to measures to improve permeability on the railway path between Wimbledon Town Centre and Whyke Road. Measures will consist of removing vegetation that is encroaching the footpath and planting new vegetation that is easy to maintain and will encroach the footway less. Works are planned to commence in January 2017.

Longer term officers will be working with Crossrail 2 to ensure that opportunities to improve cycling in the town centre are considered as part of the plans being developed.

Energy efficiency in local businesses

Merton Council's Brighter Business scheme is still offering local businesses free expert energy efficiency advice and support to help reduce their running costs and energy consumption – but the offer is ending soon.

Through the Brighter Business scheme, participating businesses can receive a free energy efficiency survey of their premises and report detailed the main energy saving opportunities. Participants can then apply for grant funding to help with the costs of installing any identified measures.

Over 40 businesses have benefited from a Brighter Business survey so date. The energy surveys have typically identified average savings in running costs of £2,000 per year for participants – and over £10,000 of grant funding has been distributed to support Merton businesses with installing identified improvements in their premises.

The scheme is due to close to new registrants by 31 January 2017.

Businesses wishing to register for a free survey should email future.merton@merton.gov.uk

For more information visit: www.merton.gov.uk/brighterbusiness

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