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Willow Lane Bridge Closure

Following the recent mediation talks between Network Rail and Tramlink, Phil Hewitt, Director of London Tramlink, wrote to our MP Siobhain McDonagh advising her of the outcome of the meeting.

He believes that Network Rail have acknowledged their ownership of the structure and their obligation to undertake repairs. In order to allow these repairs to be carried out, London Tramlink has agreed to grant access to Network Rail to the Tramway and to provide at no cost to Network rail, the necessary safety measures and alternative transport for Tramlink passengers disrupted by Networks Rail's works.

Unfortunately, the issue of the ultimate ownership of the bridge remains unresolved. Nevertheless, in order to facilitate further discussions London Tramlink will support Network Rail by jointly funding an independent structural survey to assess the condition and residual life of the bridge. In addition, they have agreed to send a joint letter to London Borough of Merton outlining the way forward.

L B Merton has advised us that the Council received a joint response from Network Rail and London Bus Services Limited (TfL) through their solicitors. The letter did not confirm who the owner of the bridge is as this issue is yet to be resolved. However, the letter raised a number of points to which the Council had to provide some clarification. These include a number of technical issues which had to be researched. This research has been completed and they have provided the relevant details to the legal department to include in the Council's response to both parties.



It is regretted that no further updates are available at the moment but please be assured that London Borough of Merton is still committed to having the matter resolved and the road reopened and our response to Network Rail and London Bus Services Limited (TfL) will be reflective of this.

Newsletter

In future Newsletters we would like to give the opportunity for companies from the estate to publicise the characteristics of their business. Subject to the level of interest, we could only allow 1 or 2 in each edition. If you would like to feature your business, please email bid@willowlane.org.uk

New Website Launched for Willow BID



The Willow BID is pleased to announce the launch of the new Willow BID website for the estate. A key part of the website is to have a comprehensive list of all the businesses in the BID area with links to their websites. If you would like to be listed, please email your full company details including website address to bid@willowlane.org.uk.

The benefit of this would be for potential customers from both the estate and elsewhere to identify local suppliers and promote inter estate trade.

Please visit the website for detailed information on the Willow BID including a map of the estate, news for businesses and downloads of current and past newsletters.

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Featured Business:

Established in 2009, Brainstore Learning is a training and consultancy company based at Connect House, here on the Willow Lane Industrial Estate. It was set up by Kevin McKinley who had previously worked as the Director of Learning and Development at Four Seasons Health Care and also at HP Bulmer Ltd.

He often dealt with training companies who promised lots but delivered very little. Learning from this, he set up his company to provide a better training service and experience and more importantly to exceed his clients' expectations. Today, he employs two members of staff, Christine Warwicker, Client Services Manager and Nicola Crust, Business Development Manager, and together they work towards achieving

his vision, backed up by additional trainers who are specialists in their relevant field. Much of the training is done at clients' venues, across the UK. Specialising in Health and Safety and First Aid training, the company also offers management development training and consultancy.

Being a small business, Brainstore Learning is very aware of the difficulties faced by smaller companies when it comes to being compliant with statutory H&S requirements. By offering low prices at local venues, they are keen to help the small business stay safe.

A series of open courses for Willow Lane businesses is to be held at Connect House, providing an ideal

opportunity for all staff on the estate to meet and find out about each other whilst learning and becoming compliant at the same time:

Emergency First Aid At Work - ~~£105~~ £60
16th November – 09.30-16.30

Manual Handling (Level 1) - ~~£45~~ £25
18th November – 09.30-13.30

Fire Warden Training - ~~£105~~ £60
22nd November – 09.30-16.30

First Aid at Work Certificate ~~£295~~ £215
7-9th December – 09.30-16.30 each day

Essentials of Health & Safety - ~~£45~~ £25
13th December – 09.30-12.30

For bookings or further information please contact Christine Warwicker on **020 8288 4351** or by email to c.warwicker@brainstorelearning.co.uk

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Events from Merton Chamber of Commerce

Green Growth Bootcamp

9th & 16th November

Networking Lunch & Learn

17th November

Mitcham Business Forum

22nd November

To book, call **020 8944 5501** or visit www.mertonchamber.co.uk



Police Safer Neighbourhood Team

Speaking at the Merton Community Policing Partnership meeting in January, Chief Inspector of Partnerships, Mark Lawrence, set out three options that were being considered. Mark emphasized that the options took account of the Metropolitan Police's ongoing commitment to neighbourhood policing, alongside the need for greater flexibility in moving resources to areas where they are most needed and pressures on budgets. He also stressed that there may be a reduction in the numbers of SNT sergeants.

The final decision has been made by the Metropolitan Police Territorial Policing Development Team, with views collected from local communities.



Following a meeting held in July, the proposal regarding the Cricket Green Ward was to **retain the full complement** of a sergeant and officers for this Safer Neighbourhood Team.

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