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Willow Lane Bridge Closure

Network Rail and Tramlink are currently involved in talks to agree which of them owns the bridge and therefore has the liability for the repairs. It is anticipated by the council that there should be an answer to this issue by late spring. The council is also considering whether to further strengthen the bridge to increase the weight limit so that heavier vehicles can use it.

The view of the Willow BID board is that the bridge should be opened as soon as possible at the existing weight level with a width restriction in place at the entrance to stop large vehicles using it. If the bridge is opened for light traffic, it will help to relieve the congestion when vehicles are turning right at the Goat Road junction.

Website – Business Directory

Willow BID has been given a grant from LB Merton as part of their Industrial Estates Support Scheme to improve the website.



We want to get all the businesses on the estate to register their details and links to their own websites which can then become part of the Merton Business Directory. It will provide Merton based companies an opportunity to market their products and services, as well as enable trade between businesses in the borough and link buyers with suppliers.

Newsletter

Companies from the estate have the opportunity to appear in our future newsletters. Overleaf you will find our feature on TRP Ltd. If you would like to feature your business, please email bid@willowlane.org.uk

Wayfinding

Businesses are being asked to complete a questionnaire on the difficulty visitors have in finding their destinations when visiting the estate. It is part of the BID proposal that the internal estate signage should be improved to help visitors when they want to locate a business. We are using a consultant to help us clearly identify what the problems are and then he will help us to develop a solution.

Tram



Currently work is underway to twin the track between Mitcham Junction and Mitcham stops to improve the number of trams that use the line.

At present, only one tram at a time can travel along the single line, with the current investment by Tramlink in more new trams and with the additional twin tracking, a more frequent service will be available for passengers.

It is also under consideration by Tramlink that a new tram stop might be installed on the estate which would make it a lot safer and be of great benefit to businesses and those who use the tram.

Olympic Travel Advice

For travel advice for business, business support, to sign up for e-alerts, prepare your business for the Games and more, visit www.london2012.com/business-network



Featured Business:

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Events from Merton Chamber of Commerce

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Evening – 1st May**

Emergency First Aid At Work – 3rd May

PR On A Shoestring – 8th May

Networking Lunch & Learn – 24th May

Facebook Pages for Business – 24th June

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Board Changes to Willow BID Ltd

Following relocation to Croydon, **Dave Dadds** is no longer the Chairman of the BID and he will also resign from the Board at the end of the BID year, June 2012. The Board would like to thank Dave for all his commitment and hard work over the past years in helping to set up and support the Willow Action Group and Willow BID Ltd and we wish him every success in the future.

We are delighted to welcome Jim Trotter, MD of B&D Clays & Chemicals Ltd as the new Chairman of the BID Board. "I am looking forward to continuing the wonderful work Dave and the BID team have done so far," said Jim, "and making Willow Lane a first class trading estate in the borough."

Maurice O'Connell has advised the BID Board that he will be retiring at the end of August. Maurice has worked on the estate for both the Willow Action Group and Willow BID for 9 years and the Board extends its heartfelt thanks for his loyalty and dedication of service and wishes him a happy retirement.

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