

<b>Item No.</b> 11	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> 7 November 2011	<b>Meeting Name:</b> Dulwich Community Council
<b>Report title:</b>		The review of the extension of pitches designation of North Cross Road	
<b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b>		All within the Dulwich Community Council area	
<b>From:</b>		Strategic Director of Environment and Leisure	

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Community Council notes the details of the review of the extension of pitches designation and experimental road closure.
2. That the Community Council notes that no further variation of the designation is required following the review.
3. That the Community Council supports the extension of the Saturday experimental road closure at the junction with Lordship Lane for a further period of twelve months, and then permanently if no further objections.
4. That the Community Council notes an application to extend parking restrictions Fridays and Saturdays to ensure no parking on pitches during market hours.

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

5. At the Licencing Committee meeting on 15 March 2011 the Licencing Committee resolved to vary the "licence street" designation of North Cross Road so as to:
  - Extend the number of pitches from twenty (20) to thirty (30), with effect from 1 May 2011.
  - Limit the number of pitches Monday to Thursday to ten (10)
  - Trading is not to commence before 9am on Saturday.
  - Support an application for an experimental road closure at the junction with Lordship Lane for a period of eighteen(18) months from 1 May 2011 to allow pitches to trade each side of the road between Lordship Lane and Nuffield Road and to improve safety.
  - To review the arrangements after 6 months of operation.

## KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

6. The revised Saturday Market has been in operation since the beginning of May 2011 and has been viewed as a success by traders, shoppers and the local community. There has been an average attendance of 25 stallholders over this period, with some Saturdays having a completely full Market.

7. The variance of goods has ensured a good shopping experience, and there has been better management through an increased officer presence from 8.30 am in the morning and again at closing down in the afternoon.
8. The experimental road closure order has proved a success and has assisted traders and shoppers in improving their enjoyment of the Market. North Cross Road is closed Saturdays between 9am and 4pm at the junction of Lordship Lane to Nutfield Road. It can continue in place for a further period of 12 months, before a decision has to be made to remove or make closure permanent.
9. There has only been one recorded complainant from a business at the top end of Northcross Road, who has stated that the experimental road closure has affected his business. The complainant has been written to explaining the position of the road closure and the review taking place at this Committee.
10. There has been no noticeable change in traffic flows on Nutfield or Archdale Road since road closure has been in place. A survey was undertaken to gauge traffic flow before and after closure that shows that traffic flows remained more or less the same.
11. There has been a problem with parking due to yellow lines not fully extending the length of the market. The Community Council are being asked to approve the extension of the market to cover the three pitches opposite to Lacon Road to prevent parking during market hours.

### **Benefits of the proposal**

12. The expansion of this already existing market has generated additional income for the street trading account. This extra income will help to reduce the street trading account current deficit linking with the council's corporate priority of driving down debt.
13. The creation of new street trading vacancies has contributed in achieving the objectives of Southwark's Enterprise Strategy by enhancing enterprise opportunities and at the same time assisting in the establishment, sustainability, growth and retention of business.
14. It has also improved the shopping offer to local shoppers, whilst encouraging local enterprise.

### **Supplementary Advice from other Officers**

#### **Strategic Director of Communities, Law & Governance**

15. Under Section 24(2) of the London Local Authorities Act 1990 ("the 1990 Act") streets originally designated for street trading under the London County Council (General Powers) Act 1947 became "licence streets" for the purposes of the 1990 Act. This meant that they continued to be designated as areas where street trading could take place.
16. Section 24(1) of the 1990 Act allows the Council to set out the terms on which a street is considered a "licence street", i.e. which parts of the street can be used for street trading, what can be sold and when.
17. Section 24(1) of the 1990 Act also allows the Council to pass a resolution varying the terms on which a street is designated as a "licence street".

18. Whilst there is no statutory requirement to review "licence street" designations, the Council does have a power to vary or rescind such designations if it considers it appropriate
19. In order to vary or rescind a designation the Council must follow the procedure set out in Section 24, namely consulting with the Police and existing licence holders, publishing a notice of intention in a locally circulating newspaper, notifying any highways authorities and obtaining any necessary highways consents. A failure to follow the correct procedure may invalidate the resolution.
20. The Council must consider any representations it receives in response to the notice before deciding whether to make a resolution varying a designation. The resolution must state the date on which it will take effect. This implementation date must be at least one month from the date of the resolution.
21. Once the resolution has been made the Council must publish a notice in a locally circulating newspaper in two consecutive weeks, with the first notice published at least 28 days before the implementation date.

#### **Finance Director**

22. The agreed proposals will produce a net income flow for the Council, and satisfies a demand which the consultation process has indicated will be accepted by the majority of those surveyed. Costs incurred will be met from the existing ring fenced budget, whilst the income generated will also be retained in this budget. The net income produced will assist in reducing the brought forward deficit from previous years.

#### **REASON FOR URGENCY**

23. The report is urgent because there will be a report to the Licensing Committee on 13 December 2011 asking them to note the review and that no further action is required. Officers felt it necessary that the report should be considered at Dulwich Community Council as well.

#### **REASON FOR LATENESS**

24. The report is late because the Licensing Committee meeting date was confirmed after the agenda despatch deadline and more information as a result needed to be included in the report.

#### **BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

<b>Background Papers</b>	<b>Held At</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Minutes of Metropolitan Borough of Camberwell Works Committee, 10 December 1947	Local Studies Library.	Local Studies Library 020 7403 3507
Minutes of Dulwich Community Council 9 February 2011		Beverley Olamijulo 020 7525 7234

## APPENDICES

No.	Title
	None

## AUDIT TRAIL

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