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| Item No. 11. | Classification: Open | Date: 25 April 2012 | Meeting Name: Camberwell Community Council |
| Report title: | | Local parking amendments | |
| Ward(s) or groups affected: | | All wards within Camberwell Community Council | |
| From: | | Head of Public Realm | |

RECOMMENDATION

1. It is recommended that the following local parking amendments, detailed in the appendices to this report, are approved for implementation subject to the outcome of any necessary statutory procedures:
 - Abbotswood Road - Do not install at any time waiting restrictions
 - Grove Park – Install at any time waiting restrictions

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. This report presents proposals for a number of local parking amendments, which are reserved to the Community Council for decision under Part 3H of the constitution.
3. The origins and reasons for the proposals are discussed in the main body of the report.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

Abbotswood Road - 1112Q4011

4. On 7 January 2012 an officer from public realm carried out a site visit to ascertain the requirement for at any time waiting restrictions (double yellow lines).
5. This investigation followed an enquiry by Councilor Ward who raised a matter on behalf of a constituent of Abbotswood Road. It was reported that parking was “taking place just past the little roundabout on either side of Abbotswood Road itself” and they were “concerned that emergency vehicles will not get through when people park in this way”. The enquiry asked whether double yellow lines should be extended.
6. During the site visit it was noted that there were no vehicles parking in this stretch of Abbotswood Road (photos in Appendix 1).
7. The road is reasonably straight in this location (the bend and small hill already has double yellow lines) giving good forward visibility for vehicles should they need to overtake a parked car.
8. The road is approx 5.5m in width. An average car is 1.8m in width therefore it is unlikely that two cars would park on opposite sides of the road to one another

without realising they were causing serious obstruction, an existing (police) offence even in the absence of double yellow lines.

9. In view of the above, it is recommended that the community council does not approve the introduction of at any time waiting restrictions (double yellow lines) at this location but that the council should reconsider this should any further reports or evidence be supplied that demonstrates obstructive parking at this location.

Grove Park - 1112Q4014

10. Public realm received correspondence from the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) reporting obstructive parking at the entrance to their property at No.113 Grove Park. They requested that at any time waiting restrictions (double yellow lines) be installed.
11. The MPS have occupied this site since 1926. The property lies behind residential properties on Grove Park and is accessed via a private road adjacent to 112 Grove Park and two blocks of flats.
12. Large Vehicles need to access the site and include 7.5 tonne, extra wide vehicles and an extended "Sprinter" van, over 6 metres long, making it essential that the drivers have the full width of the access road available to turn out onto Grove Park.
13. The problem is that vehicles are being parked too close to corners on either side of our access road and they prevent larger vehicles entering or leaving the site.
14. It is stated that there are vehicles parked over the corners of the access road on a daily basis and as the vehicles are different every day, they do not believe that they belong to residents but most likely belong to commuters using Denmark Hill station.
15. An officer from the public realm visited the site and noted that although there were vehicles parked very close to the entrance they were not obstructing the access or egress on this occasion.
16. In view of the nature of the correspondence and in the knowledge that parking demand is high in this street (which often leads to inconsiderate/obstructive parking) it is recommended that a short length (2.5m on either side of the entrance) of at any time waiting restriction (double yellow lines) be installed at the entrance to No.113 as shown in appendix 2.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

17. The recommendations contained within this report are consistent with the policies of the Parking and Enforcement Plan and the Transport Plan 2011, particularly:

Policy 1.1 – pursue overall traffic reduction

Policy 4.2 – create places that people can enjoy

Policy 8.1 – seek to reduce overall levels of private motor vehicle traffic on our streets

18. The proposal(s) will support the council's equalities and human rights policies and

will promote social inclusion by:

- Providing improved access for emergency vehicles, refuge vehicles, residents and visitors
- Improving sight lines for all road users
- Improving junction and pedestrian safety, especially those with limited mobility or visual impairment; and

COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT

19. The policies within the Parking and Enforcement Plan are upheld within this report have been subject to an Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA).

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

20. All costs arising from implementing the proposals, as set out in the report, will be fully contained within the existing local parking amendment budget.

CONSULTATION

21. No informal (public) consultation has been carried out. Where consultation with stakeholders has been completed, this is described within the main body of the report.

22. Should the community council approve the item(s), statutory consultation will take place as part of the making of the traffic management order. A proposal notice will be erected in proximity to the site location and a press notice will be published in the Southwark News and London Gazette. If there are objections a further report will be re-submitted to the community council for determination.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

| Background Papers | Held At | Contact |
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| Transport Plan 2011 | Southwark Council Environment Public Realm Network Development 160 Tooley Street London SE1 2QH Online: http://www.southwark.gov.uk/info/200107/transport_policy/1947/southwark_transport_plan_2011 | Tim Walker (020 7525 2021) |

APPENDICES

| No. | Title |
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| Appendix 1 | Abbotswood Road - photos of site |
| Appendix 2 | Grove Park - proposed At any time waiting restrictions |

AUDIT TRAIL

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