

Item No. 15.	Classification: Open	Date: 12 March 2013	Meeting Name: Bermondsey Community Council
Report title:		Traffic management on Shand Street and Magdalen Street Proposed one-way operation	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		Bermondsey Community Council Riverside & Grange Wards	
From:		Head of Public Realm	

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The community council considers the proposal to make Shand Street one-way southbound and closing Magdalen Street to vehicles at the junction of Shand Street.
2. The community council gives approval to advertise the relevant Traffic Management Order (TMO) and implement the proposed one-way operation on Shand Street and closure of Magdalen Street; subject to objections received being duly considered.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3. The council is aware of longstanding traffic and road safety concerns arising from the narrow sections of Shand Street, the junction with Tooley Street and the tight turning space at its junction with Magdalen Street.
4. These network alterations will also facilitate the new southbound cycle route from Tooley Street to Druid Street from it's original route on Weston Street which is now permanently closed inline with the planned regeneration of the London Bridge Station.
5. This report presents details of the proposed measures to improve road safety and traffic operation by instating one-way operation southbound on Shand Street and eastbound on Magdalen Street.
6. Determinations of such matters are reserved to community council for decision.
7. The origins and reasons for the recommendations are discussed in the main body of the report.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

8. The council is aware of longstanding traffic and road safety concerns arising from the narrow sections of Shand Street, the junction with Tooley Street and the tight turning space at its junction with Magdalen Street.
9. A number of near-misses have been observed at the junction of Shand Street and Tooley Street; with opposing traffic unable to pass in the junction head. Likewise traffic is unable to pass safely south of the Tooley Street junction next to

the junction with Magdalen Street. This creates unsafe queuing on Tooley Street and Shand Street, as may result in shunt or loss-of-control type collisions on both. Also importantly, there is the risk of vehicles overrunning the footway areas and crossing points due to the narrow width and conflicts with opposing traffic.

10. This road geometry is inappropriate for the current traffic movements and two-way operation. The owner of the property at the corner of Tooley Street and Shand Street has report numerous incidents of vehicles, especially high-sided ones, damaging their property whilst trying to negotiate the tight junction of Shand Street and Magdalen Street.
11. The council therefore proposes to advertise and make a Traffic Management Order (TMO) which changes traffic flow on Shand Street to one-way southbound between its junctions with Tooley Street in the north and with Cruxifix Lane in the south; and which changes traffic flow to one-way eastbound on Magdalen Street between its junctions with Holyrood Street in the west and with Shand Street in the east. Along with the installation of bollards at the junction of Magdalen Street with Shand Street. New signage is required to provide instruction on the one-way operation as shown on the appended drawing N420-COT-HW-000042.
12. The recommendation is per constitutional rule 3H 16 for the:
 - Installation of traffic signs
 - Installation or road markings

Reasons for report recommendations

13. Alternative cycle diversion route due to the closure of Weston Street.
14. It is of concern to officers that road geometry on Shand Street and Magdalen Street, particularly at their junctions, is not sufficient to safely allow two-way traffic.
15. In view of the above and with the key objective of maintaining safe movement of traffic (including non-motorised road users) across the network, it is considered necessary to implement the TMO for one-way operation.

Policy implications

16. The recommendations contained within this report are consistent with the policies of the PEP and associated Local Implementation Plan (LIP).
17. The proposals will support the council's equalities and human rights policies and will promote social inclusion by:
 - improving junction and pedestrian safety, especially those with limited mobility or visual impairment.

Resource implications

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

Consultation

19. Informal consultation has been carried out with the restaurant owner at the corner of Tooley Street and Shand Street and with Shane Clarke from the stakeholder group Team London Bridge; both of whom endorse the proposals, supporting the view that road safety, pedestrian accessibility and protection of property would be improved.
20. The road network and parking manager has been consulted on the proposals and has no objections.
21. No consultation or comment has been sought from the borough solicitor & secretary or the chief finance officer.
22. It is proposed that community views are sought at the Bermondsey Community Council and that a local letter drop consultation is carried-out to judge the support of local residents.
23. Transport for London - as the Traffic Authority on Tooley Street - will be consulted through their Network Assurance scheme approval process to ensure there is no negative impact on traffic operation and road safety on the wider network.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
None.		

APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	Map: Shand Street and Magdalen Street

AUDIT TRAIL

Lead Officer	Louise Nagle, Traffic Manager	
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CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / CABINET MEMBER		
Officer Title	Comments Sought	Comments included
Director of Legal Services	No	No
Strategic Director of Finance and Corporate Services	No	No
Parking operations and development manager	No	No
Network manager	Yes	No
Parking and network management business unit manager	Yes	No
Cabinet Member	No	No
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