

Item No. 6.	Classification: Open	Date: 20 November 2013	Meeting Name: Camberwell Community Council
Report title:		Deputation Request – Seeking a consultation on varying the hours of operation of the East Camberwell Controlled Parking Zone	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		Brunswick Park	
From:		Proper Constitutional Officer	

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Camberwell Community Council consider a deputation request from the Brunswick Park Neighbourhood Tenants and Residents Association (BNTRA) to re-consult local residents about the hours of operation of the East Camberwell Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. Deputation requests have been submitted by representatives of those mentioned above. A deputation can be submitted by a person of any age who lives, works or studies in Southwark. Deputations must relate to matters which the council has powers or duties or which affects Southwark.
3. The deputation refers to the current hours of operation of the East Camberwell CPZ.

The deputation states:

“There are two reasons for the deputation request:

Firstly, we had expected a second consultation after the initial 'bedding in' period when the CPZ was first implemented. Unfortunately, this was cancelled due to budget constraints and, though the council said that they had placed notices in the local press, this information was not made available to the Tenants and Residents Association directly. Consequently, we had no idea that this was the case until after the event, which led to a great deal of local upset.

Secondly, we had misgivings about the timings of the CPZ at the out-set and in the years since those misgivings have grown. We conducted our own survey last year and found that the majority of local residents appeared to favour a variation in the hours from the current 8.30am-6.30pm.

Therefore, we would like to press for the opportunity for our local residents to express this opinion officially, in the hope that we may see a change in the CPZ hours of enforcement. I would like to stress that residents did not ask for the CPZ to be discontinued but, many would like to see more flexibility in the way CPZ times in general, and our own timings in particular, are implemented.”

4. At the meeting, the spokesperson for the deputation will be invited to speak up to five minutes on the subject matter. The community council will debate the deputation and at the conclusion of the deputation the chair will seek the consent of councillors to debate the subject. Councillors may move motions and

amendments without prior notice if the subject does not relate to a report on the agenda. The meeting can decide to note the deputation or provide support if requested to do so. The community council shall not take any formal decision(s) on the subject raised unless a report is on the agenda.

5. Any relevant resource or community impact issues will be contained in the comments of the strategic director.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

6. The deputation shall consist of no more than six persons, including the spokesperson.
7. Only one member of the deputation shall be allowed to address the meeting, her or his speech being limited to five minutes.
8. Councillors may ask questions of the deputation, which shall be answered by their spokesperson or any member of the deputation nominated by her or him for up to five minutes at the conclusion of the spokesperson's address.
9. If more than one deputation is to be heard in respect of one subject there shall be no debate until each deputation has been presented. The monitoring officer shall, in writing, formally communicate the decision of the meeting to the person who submitted the request for the deputation to be received.

SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS

Comments of the Strategic Director of Environment and Leisure

Response (Part 1 – prior consultations)

10. East Camberwell CPZ went live in April 2009 following first stage (in principle) and second stage (detailed design) CPZ consultations. After each stage a “key decision” was taken, in July 2007 and July 2008 respectively.
11. The zone was introduced in April 2009 on an 18-month experimental basis. This experimental process is defined by law but notification of the experiment was given by way of street and press notices. The experiment provides an opportunity for all stakeholders to evaluate and comment in writing upon the zones' success (or otherwise). Before the 18-month experiment concluded, the council was required to decide whether to make the scheme permanent, make adjustments or drop the zone.
12. In November 2010 the Strategic Director of Environment and Leisure approved that the zone be made permanent. The decision was taken having considered the evidence of whether the zone had achieved its initial objectives as well as considering any comments or objections made during the experimental period.
13. This was a key decision taken in accordance with the Southwark Constitution and notification was given as an item published on the council's forward plan. Ward members were also advised in August 2010 of the forthcoming decision.
14. In short, the zone was considered successful in its aims as it was shown to have reduced parking occupancy levels from 98% to 45% (on average) by eliminating commuter parking. This reduction resulted in less dangerous parking (many streets were over 100% occupied prior to the zone going live), gave priority of parking space back to residents and contributed to the economic viability of the town centre by providing pay and display spaces for

visitors (where previously parking spaces were hard to find and parking was stagnated with little turn-over of space).

15. The report also considered the zone's hours of operation but did not recommend any change on the basis that a reduction in hours of operation would render the zone ineffective in many streets close to Camberwell town centre. This was based upon parking surveys which had revealed a mix of commuter, high density residential and town centre parking, the latter of which is constant throughout the day and would not be prevented with a reduced hours zone.
16. The report also reflected on the second stage consultation result which had included specific question on the times that the zone should operate. The all-day controls were introduced in response to the majority who were in favour of this proposal and were also in line with the policy for this area.
17. It is important to note that neither of the key decisions in 2007 or 2008 gave any commitment to reconsult after a "bedding in" period nor was the project cancelled due to budget constraints.

Response (Part 2 – future projects)

18. Currently, the resources available for parking zone projects are limited to those to enable the completion of current consultations and those associated with development, where s106 funding is available. Any parking zone projects undertaken in the coming months will be limited to these only.
19. The council will consider this deputation when bringing forward its parking design programme for 2014/15.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Written correspondence received from local residents	160 Tooley Street, London SE1P 5LX	Tim Murtagh 020 7525 7187

AUDIT TRAIL

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