

Feedback on queries raised at previous Borough, Bankside and Walworth Community Council meetings

Question	Response
<p>What is the criteria for the use of a garage? At this moment in time the garage to the rear of [address withheld] Old Kent Road, SE1 is a kitchen. The garage to the rear of [address withheld] Old Kent Road is a self-contained office. The garage to the rear of [address withheld] East Street, has someone living in it.”</p>	<p>Garages can only be used for a car or storage (non-flammable items). If these rules are breached, officers can take enforcement action. The garages the questioner refers to are part of the units, and so belong to that property.</p> <p>To report misuse of council garages, please contact the garage team: on 0207 525 5630 or email: garages@southwark.gov.uk. Please note that this team only deals with garages not sheds.</p>
<p>“Integrated care and parking at Kings College Hospital. As part of the integrated care package with Lambeth, can this be extended [so] that Lambeth recognise the Southwark AD badge in the four small roads around Kings College Hospital ... It is stressful anyway visiting or attending a hospital, but many Southwark residents attending Kings College Hospital think they are in Southwark, so it is ok to use the AD badge. Then get a shock to find they have to pay a fine of £135 or £65, if paid within 14 days. Remember the AD scheme is brilliant, because it stops people having their windows broken to get to the AD badge, as the AD badge has the car owner’s details on it, so [it] is no use to anyone else! Also, remember you must own a blue badge to get an AD badge. Not suggesting law changes or costly signage, simply [that] parking wardens accept the AD badge around Kings College Hospital, because it means these people, must always have a blue badge, as well.”</p>	<p>Highways officers contacted their counterparts in Lambeth who responded that they would not recognise the badge and that motorists should check the local bay markings. In their view there was no need for the companion AD badge to be used at this location. The prime blue badges should be used. as it was an area heavily patrolled by their civil enforcement officers and there should be little issue with theft.</p>

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<p>Shop owners in East Street encroaching onto the pavement.</p>	<p>The highways licensing team issue licenses to premises which place apparatus on the public highway, where these items may cause an obstruction. Standard charges apply and are calculated by square meterage of occupation. The needs of all highway users are taken into consideration when licence applications are received and the area of occupation is limited so that any potential obstructions are avoided. Officers have inspected East Street to ensure all current licence conditions are being adhered to.</p>