

Item No. 14.	Classification: Open	Date: 7 February 2015	Meeting Name: Borough, Bankside and Walworth Community Council
Report title:		East Camberwell parking zone review	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		Brunswick Park, Camberwell Green, Faraday	
From:		Head of Public Realm	

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the community council comment upon the proposed consultation boundary and methods for the review of East Camberwell (EC) controlled parking zone (CPZ).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. The council's 2014/15 parking design programme was approved in September 2014 by the Head of Public Realm in conjunction with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Planning and Transport.
3. The programme includes a review of the existing East Camberwell (EC) controlled parking zone (CPZ). This review has been included within the programme following representations by local residents, via their resident association and ward councilors, that it was necessary to reevaluate the times of operation of the zone.
4. Part 3H of the council's constitution provides that community councils should be consulted on strategic traffic management matters such as whether to change the times of operation of a parking zone and the related method of consultation.
5. EC CPZ was introduced in 2009 on an experimental basis. In 2010 the zone was made permanent after considering the comments that were received the experimental period. In 2012, following consultation, the zone was extended to cover Southampton Way, Wells Way and Parkhouse Street.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

Consultation area

6. The area recommended for consultation is shown on the plan contained at Appendix 1 and includes all properties within the boundary of the existing EC CPZ.
7. It is noted that the CPZ is located in both Camberwell and Borough, Bankside and Walworth community council areas.

Consultation methods

8. The method of consultation and decision making is fundamentally determined by the council's constitution.

9. When reviewing an existing parking zone (referred to as a 4th stage review) officers will survey the zone and carry out an informal (non-statutory consultation). The objective of the survey and consultation is to identify issues that may have arisen since the zone was introduced and to put forward possible solutions.
10. Before a final decision is taken, the community council will again be consulted. The procedure is summarised in Figure 1 below and full details on the process are contained within Appendix 2.

Figure 1

Phase		Expected dates
Survey & consultation	Parking surveys	February 2015
	Consultation pack and questionnaire to all residents, businesses and stakeholders	March 2015
	Draft report to community council	May 2015 (date of meeting tbc)
Decision making	Final report to Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Planning and Transport	June 2015
Delivery	Road Safety Assessments Detailed audit review Construction	Summer 2015

Scope of consultation

11. It should be noted that the scope of the review will cover the following key issues:
 - the times of operation of the zone (consideration of lesser hours of controls);
 - the days of operation of the zone (consideration of Saturday controls);
 - detailed design issues (modifications to type/position of existing bays); and
 - the identification of opportunities to declutter parking signs

Policy implications

12. The recommendations contained within this report are consistent with the policies of the Transport Plan 2011, particularly:
 - Policy 1.1 – pursue overall traffic reduction;
 - Policy 4.2 – create places that people can enjoy; and
 - Policy 8.1 – seek to reduce overall levels of private motor vehicle traffic on our streets

Community impact statement

13. The policies within the transport plan are upheld within this report and have been subject to an equality impact assessment.
14. The recommendations are area based and therefore will have greatest affect upon those people living, working or traveling in the vicinity of the areas where the proposals are made.

15. The introduction of a parking zone contributes to an improved environment through the elimination of on-street commuter parking and the associated reduction of local and borough-wide traffic levels.
16. There is a risk that new restrictions may cause parking to be displaced and, indirectly, have an adverse impact upon road users and neighbouring properties at that location. However this cannot be entirely preempted until the recommendations have been implemented and observed.
17. With the exception of those benefits and risks identified above, the recommendations are not considered to have a disproportionate affect on any other community or group.
18. The recommendations do not conflict with the Council's commitment to equalities or to the protection of human rights. In addition, part of the aim of the consultation is to promote social inclusion by:
 - providing improved access for key services such as emergency and refuge vehicles; and
 - improving road safety, in particular for vulnerable road users, on the public highway.
19. The consultation leaflets will meet communication guidance with a languages page providing advice as to how to access the Council's translation service. Furthermore, large format leaflets will be available for those with visual impairment.

Resource implications

20. The costs of the parking zone project, including staff fees, consultation and implementation (if supported) will cost approximately £40,000 which will be funded through capital provisions already established for this purpose.
21. A more accurate estimate of the costs from this scheme will be reported at the end of the consultation.
22. The cost code for parking zone projects is L-5110-0042.

Legal implications

23. The community councils are being asked to comment upon the proposed consultation boundary and methods for reviewing the East Camberwell controlled parking zone. Community councils are entitled to consider these issues pursuant to paragraph 3H of the Council's Constitution.
24. The Equality Act 2010 introduced the public sector equality duty, which merged existing race, sex and disability equality duties and extended them to include other protected characteristics; namely age, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, religion and belief and sex and sexual orientation, including marriage and civil partnership. In summary those subject to the equality duty, which includes the Council, must in the exercise of their functions: (i) have due regard to the need to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation; and (ii) foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not. It is not envisaged that the consultation referred to in this report will conflict with the requirements of the Act.

25. The Human Rights Act 1998 imposed a duty on the Council as a public authority to apply the European Convention on Human Rights; as a result the Council must not act in a way which is incompatible with these rights. It is not envisaged that the consultation referred to in this report will conflict with any of the protected rights.

Consultation

26. Consultation on the outline of the project has been carried out with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Planning and Transport.
27. All aspects of future consultation are detailed in the key issues section of this report.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
East Camberwell 1st stage CPZ consultation report (March 2007)	Southwark Council Environment and Leisure Public Realm projects Parking design 160 Tooley Street London SE1 2QH	Tim Walker 020 7525 2021
East Camberwell 2nd stage CPZ consultation report (August 2008)	As above	Tim Walker As above
Transport Plan 2011	As above and online: www.southwark.gov.uk/info/200107/transport_policy/1947/southwark_transport_plan_2011	Tim Walker As above

APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	Map of recommended parking consultation area
Appendix 2	4 th stage parking zone review process

AUDIT TRAIL

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Cabinet Member	No	No
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