

Item No. 15.	Classification: Open	Date: 17 March 2015	Meeting Name: Borough, Bankside and Walworth Community Council
Report title:		Local traffic and parking amendments	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		Cathedrals ward within Borough, Bankside and Walworth Community Council	
From:		Head of Public Realm	

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. It is recommended that the following local traffic and parking amendments, detailed in the appendices to this report, are approved for implementation subject to the outcome of any necessary statutory consultation and procedures.
2. Webber Street and Glasshill Street
 - a) convert existing permit bay in Webber Street to loading only bay
 - b) install new permit bay outside No. 21 Glasshill Street
 - c) introduce new 'at any time' waiting restriction (double yellow lines) on the raised table in Webber Street

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3. Part 3H of the Southwark Constitution delegates decision making for non-strategic traffic management matters to the community council.
4. Paragraph 16 of Part 3H of the Southwark Constitution sets out that the community council will take decisions on the following local non-strategic matters:
 - the introduction of single traffic signs
 - the introduction of short lengths of waiting and loading restrictions
 - the introduction of road markings
 - the setting of consultation boundaries for consultation on traffic schemes
 - the introduction of destination disabled parking bays
 - statutory objections to origin disabled parking bays.
5. This report gives recommendations for one local traffic and parking amendment, involving traffic signs, waiting restrictions and road markings.
6. The origins and reasons for the recommendations are discussed within the key issues section of this report.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

Webber Street – 1415Q4006

7. The council was contacted by the proprietor of the restaurant (El Vergel) based at 132 Webber Street, SE1 who asked that consideration was given to providing

a loading facility to assist in servicing and deliveries.

8. The restaurant is located on the ground floor of a residential apartment block near the junction of Southwark Bridge Road, Great Suffolk Street and Webber Street.
9. Webber Street and Southwark Bridge Road are part of Borough (C2) controlled parking zone which operates Monday to Friday 8.30am – 6.30pm.
10. At present, opportunity to load and unload is extremely limited on three sides of the development:
 - a) Southwark Bridge Road - bus stop and Cycle Super Highway (CS7)
 - b) Great Suffolk Street - proximity to a signalised junction
 - c) Webber Street - narrow carriageway and permit holder (C2) parking bays
11. An officer carried out a site visit, 28 January 2015, to look at potential locations for a loading bay and it was identified that the nearest opportunity was to replace the existing permit (C2) parking bay in Webber Street. This location would provide loading / unloading opportunities for all commercial properties in the vicinity.
12. To ensure no net loss of permit parking, it is recommended that an existing single yellow line restriction in Glasshill Street be converted to permit (C2) parking.
13. To assist pedestrians, the junction of Glasshill St and Webber St has had a raised table installed (national law prohibits parking at any time) but also has a single yellow line in operation (allows evening and weekend parking). This is likely to cause confusion which would be compounded by the removal of the permit bay. It is therefore recommended that the single yellow line is changed to a double yellow line to avoid any ambiguity and to ensure good visibility for pedestrians crossing at this location.
14. It is noted that Webber Street is on the forthcoming cycle Quietways, as a component of the Central London Grid. Officers confirm that the proposals made here do not conflict with those cycle plans.
15. In view of the above it is recommended that changes are made, as detailed in Appendix 1, and summarised as follows:
 - a) the permit parking bay in Webber is replaced by a loading bay to assist deliveries;
 - b) a new permit parking bay is installed in Glasshill Street to offset the loss of the bay in Webber Street; and
 - c) new 'at any time' waiting restrictions are installed on the southern kerblines of Webber Street to align with the existing raised table.

Policy implications

16. 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.

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

Community impact statement

17. The policies within the transport plan are upheld within this report have been subject to an equality impact assessment.
18. 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.
19. The introduction of yellow lines at junctions gives benefit to all road users through the improvement of inter-visibility and therefore road safety.
20. There is a risk that new restrictions may cause parking to be displaced and, indirectly, have an adverse impact upon road users and neighboring properties at that location. However this cannot be entirely preempted until the recommendations have been implemented and observed.
21. With the exception of those benefits and risks identified above, the recommendations are not considered to have a disproportionate effect on any other community or group.
22. The recommendations support the council's equalities and human rights policies and promote social inclusion by:
23. Providing improved access for key services such as emergency and refuge vehicles.
24. Improving road safety, in particular for vulnerable road users, on the public highway.

Resource implications

25. All costs arising from implementing the recommendations will be fully contained within the existing public realm budgets.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

26. Traffic Management Orders would be made under powers contained within the Road Traffic Regulation Act (RTRA) 1984.
27. Should the recommendations be approved the council will give notice of its intention to make a traffic order in accordance with the Local Authorities Traffic Order (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996.
28. These regulations also require the Council to consider any representations received as a result of publishing the draft order for a period of 21 days following publication of the draft order.
29. Should any objections be received they must be properly considered in the light of administrative law principles, Human Rights law and the relevant statutory powers.

30. By virtue of section 122, the Council must exercise its powers under the RTRA 1984 so as to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic including pedestrians, and the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on and off the highway.
31. These powers must be exercised so far as practicable having regard to the following matters
 - the desirability of securing and maintaining reasonable access to premises
 - the effect on the amenities of any locality affected including the regulation and restriction of heavy commercial traffic so as to preserve or improve amenity
 - the national air quality strategy
 - facilitating the passage of public service vehicles and securing the safety and convenience of their passengers
 - any other matters appearing to the Council to be relevant.

CONSULTATION

32. Where public or stakeholder consultation has already been completed, this is described within the key issues section of the report.
33. The implementation of changes to parking requires the making of a traffic order. The procedures for making a traffic order are defined by national Regulations which include statutory consultation and the consideration of any arising objections.
34. Should the recommendations be approved the council must follow the procedures contained within Part II and III of the Regulations which are supplemented by the council's own processes. This process is summarised as:
 - a) publication of a proposal notice in a local newspaper (Southwark News)
 - b) publication of a proposal notice in the London Gazette
 - c) display of notices in roads affected by the orders
 - d) consultation with statutory authorities
 - e) making available for public inspection any associated documents (eg. plans, draft orders, statement of reasons) via the council's website or by appointment at 160 Tooley Street, SE1 a 21 day consultation period during which time any person may comment upon or object to the proposed order
35. Following publication of the proposal notice, any person wanting to object must make their objection in writing, state the grounds on which it is made and send it to the address specified on the notice.
36. Should an objection be made that officers are unable to resolve so that it is withdrawn, it will be reported to the community council for determination. The community council will then consider whether to modify the proposals, accede to or reject the objection. The council will subsequently notify all objectors of the final decision.

Programme timeline

37. If these items are approved by the community council they will be progressed in line with the below, approximate timeframe:

- Traffic orders (statutory consultation) – May to June 2015
- Implementation – July to August 2015

Background Documents

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Transport Plan 2011	Southwark Council Environment and Leisure Public Realm projects Parking design 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
Appendix 1	Webber Street – install loading only bay, permit holder bay and double yellow lines

AUDIT TRAIL

Lead Officer	Head of Public Realm, Des Waters	
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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
List other officers here	No	No
Cabinet Member	No	No
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