

Item No. 8.	Classification: Open	Date: Cabinet	Meeting Name: 2 June 2015
Report title:		Petition from Burgess Park Users - Southwark Spine Cycle Corridor	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Proper Constitutional Officer	

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the cabinet consider a petition from regular users of Burgess Park in respect of the Southwark Spine cycle corridor.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. A petition containing 500 signatures or more may be presented to the cabinet. A petition can be submitted by a person of any age who lives, works or studies in Southwark. Petitions must relate to matters which the council has powers or duties or which affects Southwark.
3. At the meeting, the spokesperson for the petition will be invited to speak up to five minutes on the subject matter. The cabinet will debate the petition for a period of up to 15 minutes and may decide how to respond to the petition at the meeting.
4. Any relevant resource or community impact issues will be contained in the comments of the strategic director/chief executive.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

5. A petition containing 529 signatures has been received from regular users of Burgess Park in respect of the Southwark Spine Cycle Corridor. The petition states:

“We the undersigned are against the Southwark Spine cycle corridor cutting across the great lawn in our park.

- The Southwark Spine is “a completely new, high capacity strategic cycling corridor with clear space for cycling, running the whole length of our borough... linking the new north-cycle superhighway to Dulwich and beyond... links through parks and open spaces will be direct and designed to avoid conflict with other users.” Southwark’s Cycling Strategy V2.8
- The current proposal is for a completely new path to cut across the great lawn in Burgess Park. i.e. the large open expanse of grass west of the large hill and south west of the lake.
- FOBP do not support the proposed Southwark Spine route cutting directly across Burgess Park. The preferred alternative is to direct cyclists through Wells Way – which FOBP propose as a greenway. Commuter cyclists

should be encouraged to use non-park routes, and these routes should be improved.”

6. Cabinet should decide how to respond to the petition at this meeting. A decision could be made to:
 - Take the action the petition requests
 - Not to take the action requested for reasons put forward in the debate, or
 - To commission further investigation into the matter.

SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS

Joint comments of the Strategic Director of Environment and Leisure and the Chief Executive (Director of Planning)

7. The Southwark Spine cycle route will be an important new addition to the cycle network in Southwark. Analysis of the existing network has identified the need for a new north-south route through the borough to complement proposed Quietway routes and link to the new north-south Cycle Superhighway on Blackfriars Road. The Spine route will be funded by the council and designed to Quietway standard. The route will be cohesive, direct, safe, attractive, comfortable and easy to navigate for all ages and abilities.
8. It will be physically segregated in areas of heavy traffic or large vehicles, with different signals to prioritise cyclists at junctions. On streets with moderate traffic, and fewer large vehicles, the road layout, including parking, will be redesigned to provide for cycling and walking. On residential streets, traffic will be heavily calmed or designed out. The route passes through Burgess Park where a new greenway will be carefully designed as part of the new park masterplan.
9. An alternative route will also be provided around the park, while other existing routes through the park are being replaced by parallel on road routes wherever possible. The first phase of the Spine will run from Dulwich Library to St George’s Circus, with extensions to Forest Hill and London Bridge under consideration. Initial scoping work on the route has been carried out with a number of possible interventions identified. Full public consultation will be carried out on specific route proposals.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Cabinet procedure rule 2.13 on petitions (page 166)	160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH	Paula Thornton 020 7525 4395
Link: http://modern.gov.southwark.gov.uk/ecSDDisplay.aspx?NAME=04.6%20Cabinet%20Procedure%20Rules&ID=50000039&RPID=536134161&sch=doc&cat=13459&path=13459		

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Strategic Director of Environment and Leisure	Yes	Yes
Chief Executive (Director of Planning)	Yes	Yes
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