

Item No. 16.	Classification: Open	Date: 15 July 2015	Meeting Name: Borough, Bankside and Walworth Community Council
Report title:		Prices Street - Prohibition of driving, removal of parking places and waiting restrictions.	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		Cathedrals	
From:		Head of Public Realm	

RECOMMENDATION

1. It is recommended that the following non-strategic traffic and parking arrangements, detailed in Appendix 3 attached to this report, are approved for implementation subject to any necessary statutory procedures;
 - **Prices Street**
 - prohibition of driving within the area of highway to become pedestrianised
 - removal of three pay and display bays and one permit holders only bay
 - removal of existing waiting restrictions (single and double yellow lines) within the area of highways to become pedestrianised
 - addition of new double yellow lines along the western end of Prices Street to ensure access to the existing disabled bays is maintained
 - **Great Suffolk Street**
 - extend the length of existing double yellow lines along the western side of Great Suffolk Street

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. Part 3H of the Southwark Constitution delegates decision making for non-strategic traffic management matters to the community council.
3. 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 introduction of disabled parking bays
 - the setting of consultation boundaries for consultation on traffic schemes.
4. This report gives recommendations for amending the existing traffic regulation

order for waiting restrictions and parking places. It also recommends the prohibition of driving on Prices Street.

5. The origin and reasons for the recommendations are discussed within the key issues section of this report.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

6. The council is working with Better Bankside, the Kirkaldy Testing Museum and the developers of Bankside Hilton to improve the environment in Prices Street following the completion of the new hotel. The construction of the Hilton Hotel was granted planning permission (ref: 12-AP-1352) on 8 November 2012.
7. Informal public consultation was carried out from 23 October 2014 to 28 November 2014 with proposals to pedestrianise the eastern end of Prices Street to create a public realm area. The proposed scheme includes the planting of trees, provision of seating and a special entrance treatment incorporating artwork for the grade II listed Kirkaldy Testing Works.
8. This section of Prices Street has been closed to vehicular traffic for more than 3 years to allow construction of the Hotel to proceed.
9. There would be no vehicular access through the pedestrianised section of Prices Street. London Fire Brigade visited Prices Street and confirmed the pedestrianisation would not affect their fire fighting operations.

Parking matters

10. Prices Street is located in parking zone C1 where no waiting is allowed during the operational hours (08:30-18:30 Mon-Fri) except in a marked bay.
11. One permit holders only and three pay and display bays would be lost as a result of these proposals.

Policy implications

12. The recommendations contained within this report are consistent with the policies of the Transport Plan 2011 particularly:

Policy 4.2 – Create places that people can enjoy.

Policy 6.1 – Make our streets more accessible to pedestrians.

Policy 7.1 – Maintain and improve the existing road network making the best use of it through careful management and considered improvements.

Community impact statement

13. The policies within the transport plan upheld within this report have been subject to an equality analysis.
14. The recommendations are area based and will therefore have greatest effect upon those people living in the vicinity of the area.

15. This proposal focuses in particular on improving pedestrian facilities and road safety which will benefit the young, elderly and other vulnerable road users.
16. The recommendations are not considered to have a disproportionate effect on any community or group.

Resource implications

17. All costs arising from implementing the recommendations will be fully met by the council via S106 contribution and the developer.

Legal implications

18. Traffic management orders would be made under powers contained within the Road Traffic Regulation Act (RTRA) 1984.
19. 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.
20. 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.
21. 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.
22. 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.
23. These powers must be exercised so far as practicable having regard to the following matters:
 - a) the desirability of securing and maintaining reasonable access to premises.
 - b) the effect on the amenities of any locality affected including the regulation and restriction of heavy commercial traffic so as to preserve amenity.
 - c) the national air quality strategy.
 - d) facilitating the passage of public service vehicles and securing the safety and convenience of their passengers.
 - e) any other matters appearing to the council to be relevant.
24. By virtue of sections 45 - 46, the council may, by order designate parking places on highways in their area for vehicles or vehicles of any class specified in the order; and the authority may make charges (of such amount as may be prescribed under section 46) for vehicles left in a parking place so designated.
25. The exercise by council of functions under this section shall not render council subject to any liability in respect of the loss of or damage to any vehicle in a parking place or the contents or fittings of any such vehicle.

Consultation

26. Informal public consultation was carried out from 23 October 2014 to 28 November 2014.
27. An open day event was held on Wednesday 26 November 2014 at the Kirkaldy Testing Museum (99 Southwark Street) from 17:30 to 19:30
28. Summary of the public consultation responses is shown in Appendix 4
29. Should the community council approve the recommendations, statutory consultation will take place as part of the making of the traffic management order. This process is defined by national regulations.
30. The council will place a proposal notice in proximity to the site location and also publish the notice in the Southwark News and the London Gazette.
31. Any person wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed order will have 21 days in which to do so.
32. Should an objection be made that officers are unable to informally resolve, this objection will be reported to the community council for determination, in accordance with the Southwark Constitution.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Transport Plan 2011	Southwark Council Environment and Leisure Public Realm 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH Online: Southwark transport plan 2011 - Southwark Council	George Hutchful 020 7525 5473

APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	Decision notice
Appendix 2	Existing layout
Appendix 3	Proposed layout
Appendix 4	Consultation summary

AUDIT TRAIL

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