

Item No. 17.	Classification: Open	Date: 15 July 2015	Meeting Name: Borough, Bankside and Walworth Community Council
Report title:		Sumner Street - Prohibition of motor vehicles, revisions to parking places and waiting restrictions.	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		Cathedrals	
From:		Matthew Hill, Public Realm Manager	

RECOMMENDATION

1. It is recommended that the following non-strategic traffic and parking arrangements, detailed in the drawings attached to this report, are approved for implementation subject to any necessary statutory procedures:

- **Sumner Street**
 - prohibition of motor vehicles between the junction of Holland Street to the western extent of the LSE building (access will be maintained for cyclists as well as pedestrians)
 - Road to be made one-way from junction of Holland St southbound to the junction of Southwark St (except cycles)
 - Relocation of two pay and display bays and removal of one pay & display bay
- **Park Street**
 - Removal of 6 no. pay & display parking bays – to be relocated nearby
- **Holland Street**
 - Road to be made one-way eastbound from Castle Yard towards Sumner St (except cycles)
 - Provision of 3 new Pay & Display parking spaces (relocated from Park St)
 - Provision of 3 new speed humps
- **Great Guildford Street**
 - Provision of 3 new Pay & Display parking spaces (relocated from Park St)

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 Sumner 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 the Trustees of the Tate to improve the environment in Sumner Street following the completion of the extension to the Tate Modern.
7. The construction of an 11 level extension to the Tate Modern was granted full planning permission (ref: 09-AP-0039) on 31 March 2009.
8. The consented scheme included some limited improvement works to be carried out to the Highway but the LBS Regeneration Team found that a larger scheme, funded by S106 money, could be implemented by the contractor at the same time to provide improvements and achieve better value.
9. Informal public consultation was carried out from 27 February 2015 to 31 March 2015 with proposals to pedestrianize Sumner Street, provide a one way from Castle Yard along Holland Street, eastbound, and down Sumner Street, southbound, to the junction of Southwark Street. Full access for cyclists will be maintained throughout.

Parking matters

10. Sumner Street is located in parking zone C1 where no waiting is allowed during the operational hours (Mon-Fri 08:00-18:30, Sat 09:30-12:30) except in a marked bay.
11. One pay and display bay would be lost as a result of these proposals. Parking Services have confirmed that they are happy with this approach.

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 1.7 – Reduce the need to travel by public transport by encouraging more people to walk and cycle.

Policy 4.1 – Promote active lifestyles.

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 will encourage sustainable travel to access the Bankside area and its important cultural attractions such as the Tate Modern and the Globe Theatre.
15. This proposal focuses in particular on improving pedestrian and cycle 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 contributions and the Tate Board of Trustees.

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 27 February 2015 to 31 March 2015 during which we wrote to all residents in the area who would be directly affected by the scheme and exhibited posters to advertise the consultation.
27. A series of public consultation events were held at a stall on Sumner Street on Tuesday 17 March at 8am to 9am, 12.30pm to 1.30pm or 6.30pm to 7.30pm and Saturday 21 March at 11am to 12pm.
28. A consultation summary report including 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	Richard Wells 020 7525 0855

APPENDICES

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

AUDIT TRAIL

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