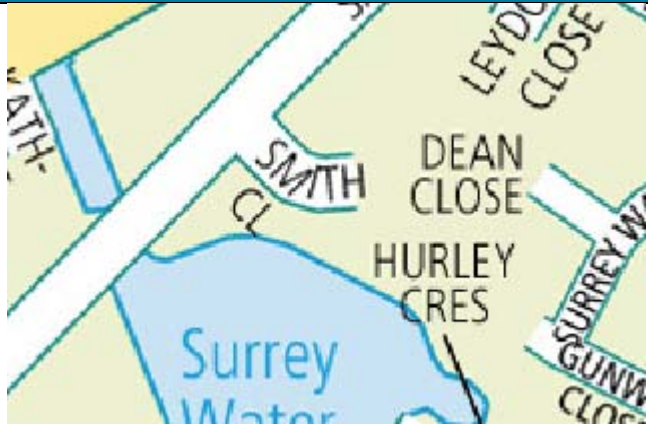
		Local parking amendment	Appendix 2
Reference	15/16_Q3_005	Location overview	
Location	Smith Close - junction with Salter Road		
Proposal	To install double yellow lines to maintain access and to improve sight lines at the junction with Salter Road.		
Community council meeting	Bermondsey and Rotherhithe		
Community council date	27 January 2016		
Ward(s) affected	Surrey Docks		

Background

In August 2015, the parking design team was contacted a resident of Smith Close who requested that double yellow lines are installed at the junction with Salter Road to prevent parking in order to maintain access.

Smith Close consists of solely residential properties and is a quiet cul-de-sac with a shared surface with no separate footways. It is unrestricted with private garages and some fenced off private parking spaces.

Officers investigation and recommendation

An officer carried out a site visit with the resident on the 9 October 2015 to assess the situation and to determine if the request could be met.

During the site visit there were no vehicles parked at the junction but it was noted that the entrance from Salter Road into Smith Close is narrow and if vehicles were to park, this would make access for an emergency vehicles difficult. Smith Close is a shared surface with no clear footways and pedestrians use the same space as vehicles so the provision of clear inter-visibility between drivers and pedestrians is important. Extending the yellow lines further into Smith Close will also allow two vehicles to pass each other and ensure there is no blockage on the access road from Salter Road to Smith Close

It is recommended, as shown drawing overleaf, that double yellow lines are installed at the junction and entrance of Smith Close to prevent parking, to improve access and safety for all road users.

Further reasons the council recommend double yellow lines on road junctions include:

- The Highway Code makes it clear that motorists must not park within 10 metres of a junction, unless in a designated parking bay. However the council has no power to enforce this without the introduction of a traffic order and subsequent implementation of waiting restrictions (yellow lines).
- Ensuring adequate visibility between road users is important for safety. Visibility should generally be sufficient to allow road users to see potential conflicts or dangers in advance of the distance in which they will be able to brake and come to a stop.
- Vehicles that are parked at a junction have the effect of substantially reducing visibility between road users and reducing stopping sight distance (SSD). This is the viewable distance required for a driver to see so that they can make a complete stop before colliding with something in the street, eg pedestrian, cyclist or a stopped vehicle. Double yellow lines ensure this inter-visibility is provided at junctions and prevents people parking over dropped kerbs.
- It is noted that almost two thirds of cyclists killed or seriously injured in 2013 were involved in

collisions at, or near, a road junction, with 'T' junctions being the most commonly involved.

- Children and those in wheelchairs (whose eye level is below the height of a parked car) are disproportionately affected by vehicles parked too close to a junction. The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association (Guide Dogs) strongly recommend that yellow lines are implemented at junctions as these areas are potentially more dangerous.