Southwark. Council	Local parking amendment		Appendix 4
Reference	15/16_Q3_021	Location overview	
Location	Rotherhithe Street - opposite Columbus Court between Brunel Road and Clarence Mews	:	CLARENCE MEWS
Proposal	To install double yellow lines to provide unrestricted access to the garages at Columbus Court and along Rotherhithe Street.	ISAMBA PLAC	
Community council meeting	Bermondsey and Rotherhithe	VESTERN	
Community council date	27 January 2016	PLACE	STRE
Ward(s) affected	Rotherhithe		

Background

In November 2015, the parking design team was contacted by a local resident who asked that a length of double yellow line be installed opposite the entrances the garages at Columbus Court to prevent parking and to maintain access to the off-street parking.

Rotherhithe Street (B205) runs the entire length of the peninsula and is predominately residential with large apartment buildings. The carriageway varies in width and there are existing double yellow lines at points where the carriageway is too narrow for parking.

Officers investigation and recommendation

An officer carried out a site visit on the 25 November 2015 to assess the situation and to determine if the request could be met.

Rotherhithe Street is predominately residential and many properties have off-street parking. Most vehicles parked in this section of Rotherhithe Street appear to be commuters as there is easy access to the Rotherhithe train station and bus routes with onward connections to the Canary Wharf and the City.

At the time of the visit there were no vehicles parked opposite Columbus Court and access to the garages was unrestricted, however it was noted that if vehicles were parked on the opposite side of the carriageway it would reduce access into the garages and obstruct access for large delivery, refuse and emergency vehicles.

The resident has supplied photographic evidence that shows vehicles parked on both sides of the carriageway. This reduces the width of the road and makes travel along Rotherhithe Street very difficult for large vehicles to pass. (see photo).

The carriageway width in this section of Rotherhithe Street varies between 7 metres and 5.8 metres. When vehicles park on both sides of the carriageway it reduces the available carriageway to 2 metres.

The London Fire Brigade (LFB) guidance asks where possible that 3.1 metres of carriageway is maintained, this would be achieved if parking is reduced to one side of the carriageway.

It is recommended, as shown in the drawing overleaf, that double yellow lines are installed on the southeast side of Rotherhithe Road between the junction with Brunel Road and the entrance to Clarence Mews. This would prevent parking opposite the entrance to Columbus Court, ensuring vehicles can enter and leave the garages and will maintain access for waste collection and emergency vehicles traveling along this section of Rotherhithe Street.