Southwark Council	Local parking amendment		Appendix 5
Reference	15/16_Q3_024	Location overview	
Location	Friern Road – junction with Upland Road		A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A
Proposal	To install double yellow lines to improve		
	access and traffic flow for all road users on		
	Upland Road and Friern Road		
Community council meeting	Peckham and Nunhead	Date Party	PIERMONT ROAD
Community council date	6 February 2016		SARVES A
Ward(s) affected	Peckham Rye	7	13

Background

The parking design team was contacted by Councillor Hamvas on behalf of one of her constituents who has concerns regarding the parking on the sharp blind bends where Friern Road meets Upland Road.

Friern Road and Upland Road are predominately residential, they are unrestricted with small sections of double yellow lines and many of the terrace houses do not have off-street parking. The junction is closed to vehicle traffic with only cycles permitted across it. North to south directional traffic is prohibited thorough this junction, Friern Road intersects Upland Road diagonally.

Officers investigation and recommendation

An officer visited the site on 9 December 2015, and noted that there were vehicles parked on the blind bends. This resulted in vehicles meeting head on as they approached the bend. As vehicles are parking on the bend there is little or no place for the motorist to pull in to allow vehicles to pass.

In view of the above, as shown the drawing overleaf, it is recommended that double yellow lines are installed on the southern kerb line and north kerb line of the junction of Friern Road and Upland Road to improve inter-visibility and junction safety for all road users

Further Rationale for double yellow lines on road junctions and bends

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 the 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 distances (SSD). This is the viewable distance required for a diver to see so that they can make a complete stop before colliding with something in the street, e.g. pedestrian, cyclist or a stopped vehicle.

Children and those in wheelchairs (whose eyelevel is below the height of a parked car) are disproportionally 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 are potentially more dangerous.

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).

The proposal to install yellow lines at this junction is in accordance with the council's adopted Southwark Streetscape Design Manual (SSDM) design standard on Highway Visibility (DS114 – Highway Visibility)

