


Reference	14/15_Q4_002	Location overview
Location	Middleton Drive	
Proposal	To Install double yellow lines adjacent to junctions with Stanhope Close, Hawke Place and two off street parking areas to improve traffic flow and access.	
Community council meeting	Bermondsey and Rotherhithe	
Community council date	15 March 2016	
Ward(s) affected	Rotherhithe	

Local parking amendment

A local parking amendment (LPA) is small project to change an existing parking restriction or to introduce a new one.

These tend to be carried out in locations where we have had a request to look at dangerous or obstructive parking and where small lengths of restrictions could provide a solution.

Request

On 14 December 2015 the council received a request from Cllr Cryan on behalf of one of a constituent's raising concerns about obstructive and dangerous parking on Middleton Drive.

In their correspondence, the resident stated "This is becoming an urgent issue, currently vehicles are parked in Middleton Drive blocking the access and exit to normal vehicles let alone emergency vehicles if needed".

An officer responded to the correspondence on 04 January 2016, explaining that their request had been logged and would be investigated as part of our LPA programme. This gave full detail of the LPA process and expected delivery dates.

Location

Middleton Drive is public highway and is located in the north of the borough. Although the street is largely residential it is noted that it is within short walking distance to Canada Water underground station and Surrey Quays shopping area which makes the street an attractive parking location for non-residents.

Investigation and conclusions

An officer visited the location on 5 January 2016 noted that there is a high parking demand in Middleton Drive. Due to the narrow carriageway width (varies between 5.5m and 5.8m), it is only possible to park on one side of the street. Site observations noted that vehicles were parked close to the junctions of Stanhope Close and Hawke Place and Timber Pond Road.

It was also noted that vehicles parking close to the junctions and on the bends had an impact on inter-visibility and access in the street.

The introduction of double yellow lines is deemed a sensible solution to prevent any inconsiderate parking and to improve vehicle access and visibility.



Further rationale for double yellow lines on a road junction

- Ensuring adequate visibility between road users is important for safety. Visibility should 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 driver 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.
- It is noted that almost two thirds of cyclist 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 eyelevel 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 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)



Recommendation

Based on our investigation and conclusions, the council are recommending the introduction of double yellow lines on the south east and south west sides of Middleton Drive and at the junctions with Stanhope Close and Hawke Place.

It is not deemed that this recommendation is removing any safe parking. It is formalising the parking arrangements and improving vehicle visibility and access throughout Middleton Drive.

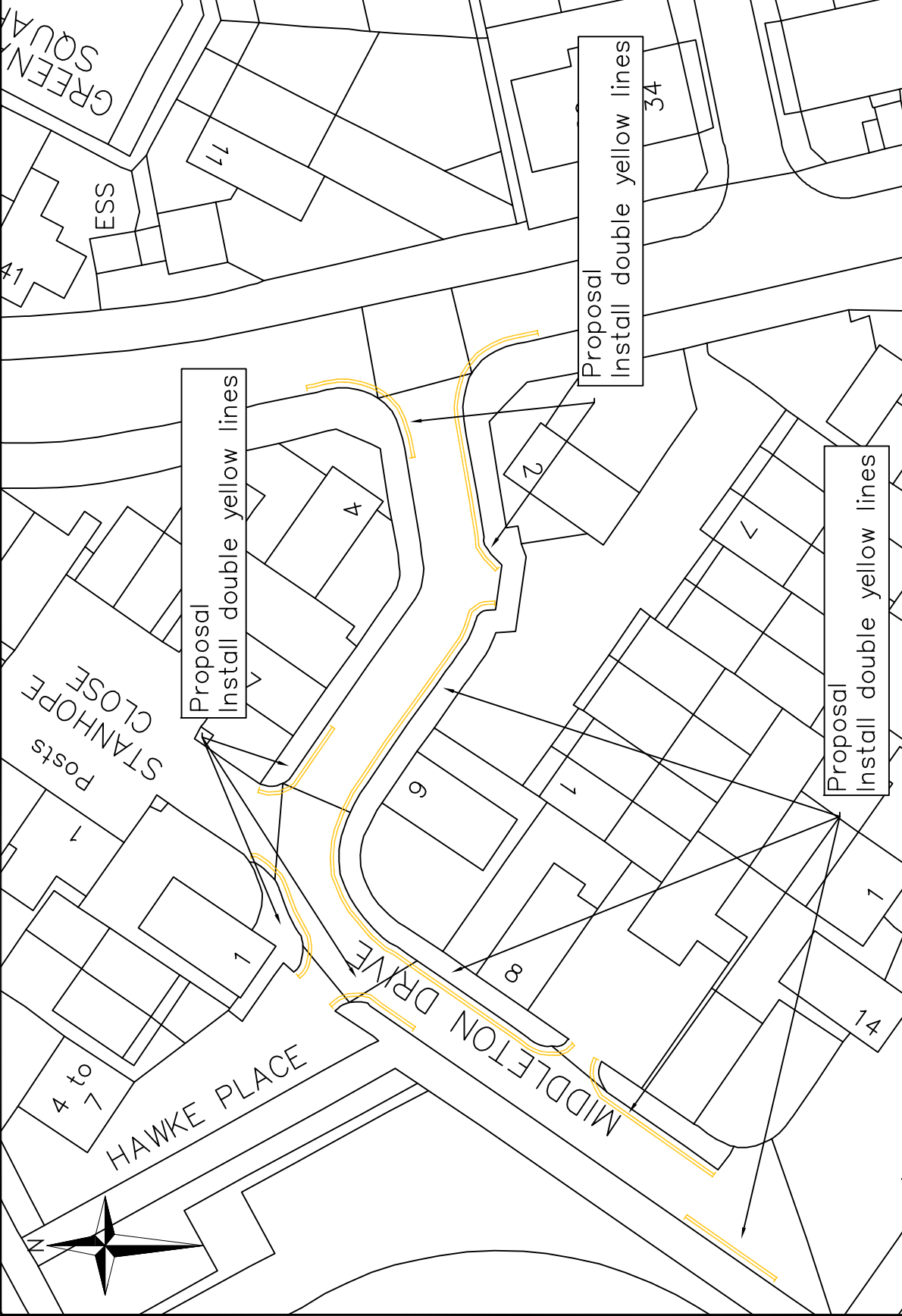
A detailed design drawing of the proposal is provided within this document.

Next steps

Should the community council approve this local parking amendment, it is expected that statutory consultation will commence in May 2016.

Following the statutory consultation period, the council will make arrangements to install the restrictions (road marking and signage at the location).

Should objections be received during the statutory consultation period, these will be presented at the next community council meeting for determination.



Legend
 Proposed double yellow lines

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 PROPOSED DOUBLE YELLOW LINES

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